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## **OBSERVATIONS (Regional and Statewide)**

### **Consumer and Case Counts**

- Please note that corrections have been made to four tables and one figure that appear in the DSS Quarterly Report for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2007. The total number of consumers has been reduced from 76,931 to 76,909 and revisions have been made to those tables affected by the change. The revised tables (1, 3A-B, and 4) and figure (5) are presented in the **Appendix** at the end of this report (pages 62-66).
- At the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2007, DSS had 24,062 open cases (1,793 adoption cases and 22,269 clinical cases). A total of 78,054 consumers<sup>1</sup> (36,752 adults and 41,302 children) were being served. Case counts ranged from 2,896 in the Boston Region to 5,053 in the Southeastern Region. **(Table 1)**
- From the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2007, consumer counts and case counts both increased 1%. The consumer population typically drops in the summer quarter (Q1) then rises and levels off during the school quarters (Q2-Q4). This seasonal pattern is related to the rise and fall of child abuse and neglect reports and investigations throughout the year. **(Figs. 1 and 2 on page 10, Figs. 20 and 21 on page 56)**

### **Consumers in Placement**

- There were 10,874 individuals in placement on the last day of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2007. Included in this count are 9,352 children (less than 18 years old) and 1,522 young adults (18 to 23 years old). **(Table 1)**
- The placement population was distributed across DSS service regions as follows: 21% in the Western Region, 20% in the Southeastern Region, 17% in the Northeastern Region, 14% in the Metro Region, 13% in the Central Region, and 12% in the Boston Region. **(Table 1)**
- Statewide, 23% (or 9,352) of all children (less than 18 years old) with open cases were in placement. The regional statistics for children in placement as a proportion of all children receiving services were: 24% in the West, 23% in Metro, 22% in the Southeast, 21% in the Northeast, 21% in Central, and 21% in Boston. **(Table 2)**
- Of all children less than 18 years old receiving services, the Pittsfield and Coastal Area Offices had the highest proportions in placement. The lowest proportions of children in placement were found at the Harbor, North Central, Haverhill, and Van Wart Area Offices. **(Table 2)**

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<sup>1</sup> Total consumers include all individuals with an active case status on the last day of the quarter and were in a case with an assessment for services or a service plan. These selection criteria exclude consumers not in placement who have an active case status that is pending the outcome of an investigation.

- From the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2007, the number of children in placement rose 2% statewide. Regionally, the fluctuations ranged from a less than 1% drop in both the Northeast and Southeast to a 4% rise in both Metro and Central. **(Fig. 3)**

### **Children Not in Placement**

- From the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2007, counts of children not in placement increased 1% statewide. Regional changes ranged from a 1% decline in Boston to 4% gain in the West. Quarterly counts of children not in placement (and to a lesser degree, children in placement) display a fluctuating pattern with a distinct drop during the first quarter (summer vacation). **(Fig. 4)**

### **Age, Sex, Race, Hispanic Origin and Preferred Language of Consumers**

- On the last day of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2007, the consumer population included 41,302 (53%) children less than 18 years old and 36,752 (47%) adults 18 years or older. Fifty-three percent of all consumers were identified as female, 46% as male, and 1% were unspecified as of the run-date. Thirty-nine percent (16,279) of all children were adolescents (12 to 17 years old). **(Table 1, Fig. 5)**
- The number of female children in the DSS caseload was approximately equal to the number of male children. In contrast, the ratio of female to male adults was 1.4:1. **(Fig. 5)**
- The statewide caseload was comprised of 56% White, 15% Black, 2% Asian, and less than 1% Native American consumers. Race was unspecified for 24% of the consumers. **(Table 3A, Figs. 6A and 6B)**
- Of the total consumer population, 23% (17,868 consumers) were of Hispanic origin. Regionally, the highest proportions (and numbers) of Hispanic consumers were in the West and Northeast. **(Table 3B, Figs. 6C and 6D)**
- The Boston Region's caseload was comprised of 46% Black and 22% White consumers (4,213 and 1,964 consumers, respectively). Asians were most prominent in the Northeast--6% of the caseload (816 consumers, mainly Cambodian). **(Table 3A, Figs. 6A and 6B)**
- A racial comparison of children receiving various services from DSS to children residing in Massachusetts is displayed in the Table A (next page). Black children and Hispanic children are over-represented at all stages in the DSS system. However, the actual extent of racial and ethnic disproportionality is not known given the number of children whose race and/or ethnicity has not been recorded. Additionally, this comparison of statewide statistics does not take into consideration the significant differences in racial and ethnic composition among communities across the state.

<b>Table A.</b>	<b>Children Less than 18 Years Old</b>								
<b>Race</b>	<b>State Census<sup>2</sup> 2000</b>	<b>DSS Not in Care 3/31/07</b>	<b>DSS All Substitute Care* 3/31/07</b>	<b>DSS Foster Care 3/31/07</b>	<b>DSS Congregate Care** 3/31/07</b>	<b>DSS All Care w/Goal of Adoption 3/31/07</b>	<b>DSS All Care w/Goal of Guardianship 3/31/07</b>	<b>DSS Adoptions Legalized FY'2006</b>	<b>DSS Guardianships Legalized FY'2006</b>
White	79%	57%	60%	59%	62%	59%	60%	64%	61%
Black	7%	16%	18%	18%	20%	17%	18%	16%	21%
Asian	4%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	<1%	3%
Native American	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	----	<1%	<1%
Pacific Islander	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	----	<1%	----	----
Multi- Racial	4%	3%	5%	5%	3%	7%	4%	6%	2%
Other/ Unknown	6%	21%	16%	16%	14%	16%	15%	14%	13%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
TOTAL #	1,500,064	31,950	9,352	6,885	1,937	2,466	516	893	518
Hispanic Origin <sup>3</sup> Yes	11%	28%	26%	26%	25%	28%	23%	26%	19%
Hispanic Origin No	89%	64%	69%	68%	71%	65%	74%	70%	76%
Hispanic Origin Unknown	----	8%	5%	6%	4%	7%	3%	4%	5%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

NOTE: The summation of relative percentages may not be equal to 100% due to rounding-off.

\*Substitute Care includes: foster care, congregate care, on the run from placement, and non-referral locations such as hospitals and other state agencies. Despite placement with other state agencies, DSS retains custody of the child.

\*\*Congregate Care includes: Group Home, Residential, and short-term residential placement (Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration, STARR).

- Table B on the following page displays the racial (and Hispanic origin) composition of children residing in the 11 largest cities in Massachusetts. There is a high minority representation in Boston, Springfield, and to a lesser degree, Brockton and Cambridge. Hispanic children are most prevalent in Springfield, and they are a notable presence in Lynn, Worcester, Boston, and Lowell. The proportion of Asian children is highest in Lowell and Quincy.

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, American Fact Finder (factfinder.census.gov), Decennial Census, Census 2000 Summary, File 1 (SF 1) 100-Percent Data, Detailed Tables (P12, P12A-H), Select Geography.

<sup>3</sup> Children of any race who are Hispanic

**Table B. Census 2000: Children less than 18 Years old residing in the 11 largest cities in Massachusetts<sup>4</sup>**

Race	Boston	Worcester	Springfield	Lowell	Lynn	Brockton	New Bedford	Fall River	Cambridge	Quincy	Newton
White	32%	65%	41%	56%	54%	48%	70%	84%	52%	72%	85%
Black	40%	10%	26%	5%	14%	24%	6%	5%	24%	3%	2%
Asian	7%	6%	2%	23%	10%	3%	1%	4%	9%	21%	9%
Native American	1%	1%	<1%	<1%	1%	<1%	1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Pacific Islander	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	----	<1%
Multi-Racial	6%	6%	6%	6%	8%	12%	9%	4%	9%	3%	3%
Other/Unknown	14%	12%	24%	9%	14%	14%	14%	3%	6%	1%	1%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
TOTAL #	116,559	40,727	44,027	28,341	24,051	26,254	23,327	22,179	13,447	15,381	17,811
Hispanic Origin <sup>5</sup> Yes	24%	26%	40%	21%	27%	12%	17%	7%	13%	3%	3%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

NOTE: The summation of relative percentages may not be equal to 100% due to rounding-off.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Fact Finder (factfinder.census.gov), Decennial Census, Census 2000 Summary File 1 (SF 1) 100-Percent Data, Detailed Tables (P12, P12A-H), Select Geography.

<sup>4</sup> Selection of cities was based on total population (adults and children).

<sup>5</sup> Children of any race who are Hispanic

### Preferred Language of Consumers

- The Western, Northeastern, and Boston Regions had the highest proportions (and numbers) of Spanish-speaking consumers, 7% (1,152 consumers), 8% (1,134), and 9% (813), respectively. Khmer (Cambodian) was the preferred language of 349 DSS consumers (<1%). Khmer-speaking consumers were mainly concentrated in the Northeast. Other languages and their regions of highest prevalence were Portuguese (Southeast and Metro), Haitian Creole (Metro, Boston, and Southeast), Vietnamese (Boston and Central), Cape Verdean Creole (Southeast and Boston), Chinese (Metro), and Lao (Northeast). (**Table 4**)

TABLE 1. CASE AND CONSUMER COUNTS BY LOCATION AND DSS REGION: FY'2007, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/07)

Case Counts:	DSS Geographic Region						Adoption		Total
	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston	Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>	Other <sup>(2)</sup>	
<b>Adoption</b>	375	252	261	249	337	172	146	1	<b>1,793</b>
<b>Clinical</b>	4,391	3,103	3,926	3,366	4,716	2,724	5	38	<b>22,269</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,766</b>	<b>3,355</b>	<b>4,187</b>	<b>3,615</b>	<b>5,053</b>	<b>2,896</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>24,062</b>
<b>Consumer Counts:</b>									
<b>Adults: <sup>(3)</sup></b>									
<b>In Placement: <sup>(4)</sup> Foster/Congregate Care <sup>(5)</sup></b>	243	149	312	234	287	249	---	17	<b>1,491</b>
<b>Other <sup>(6)</sup></b>	2	2	5	5	1	6	---	---	<b>21</b>
<b>On the Run</b>	4	2		1	1	2	---	---	<b>10</b>
<b>Total in Placement</b>	249	153	317	240	289	257	---	17	<b>1,522</b>
<b>Not in Placement</b>	7,021	5,199	6,062	5,261	7,772	3,910	---	5	<b>35,230</b>
<b>Total Adults</b>	<b>7,270</b>	<b>5,352</b>	<b>6,379</b>	<b>5,501</b>	<b>8,061</b>	<b>4,167</b>	---	<b>22</b>	<b>36,752</b>
<b>Children:</b>									
<b>In Placement: <sup>(4)</sup> Foster/Congregate Care <sup>(5)</sup></b>	1,955	1,217	1,487	1,229	1,746	924	240	24	<b>8,822</b>
<b>Other <sup>(6)</sup></b>	55	53	56	48	50	55	1	---	<b>318</b>
<b>On the Run</b>	57	15	39	29	36	36	---	---	<b>212</b>
<b>Total in Placement</b>	2,067	1,285	1,582	1,306	1,832	1,015	241	24	<b>9,352</b>
<b>Not in Placement</b>	6,636	4,841	5,782	4,387	6,388	3,909	5	2	<b>31,950</b>
<b>Total Children</b>	<b>8,703</b>	<b>6,126</b>	<b>7,364</b>	<b>5,693</b>	<b>8,220</b>	<b>4,924</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>41,302</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,973</b>	<b>11,478</b>	<b>13,743</b>	<b>11,194</b>	<b>16,281</b>	<b>9,091</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>78,054</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

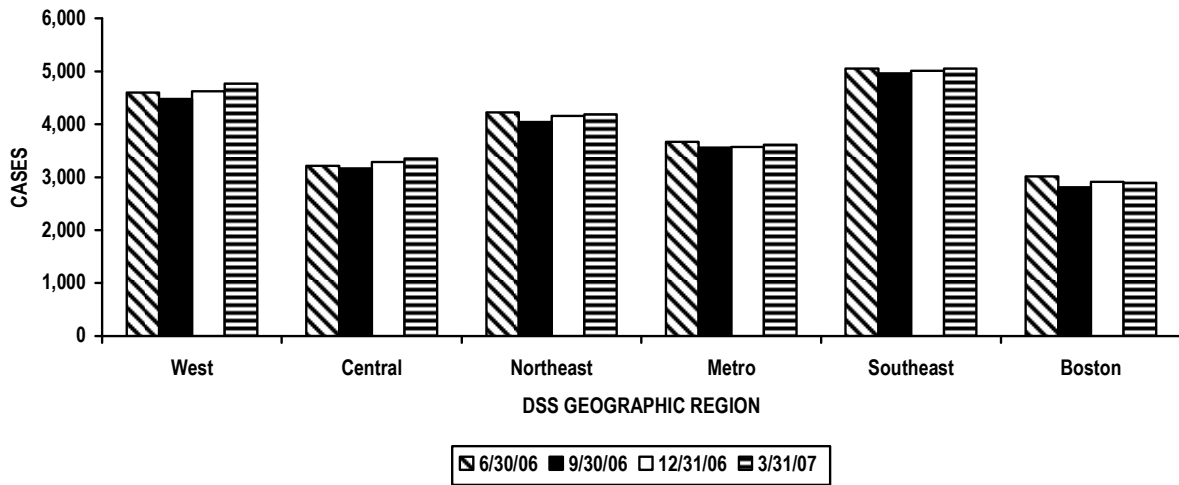
<sup>(3)</sup> Adults are consumers 18 years or older.

<sup>(4)</sup> Children and young adults in the care/custody of DSS. "Adults" in Foster/Residential Care are being transitioned to the Departments of Mental Health (DMH) and Mental Retardation (DMR) or are supported by DSS until graduation from a full-time school or vocational training program (through age 23 for a Bachelor's Degree).

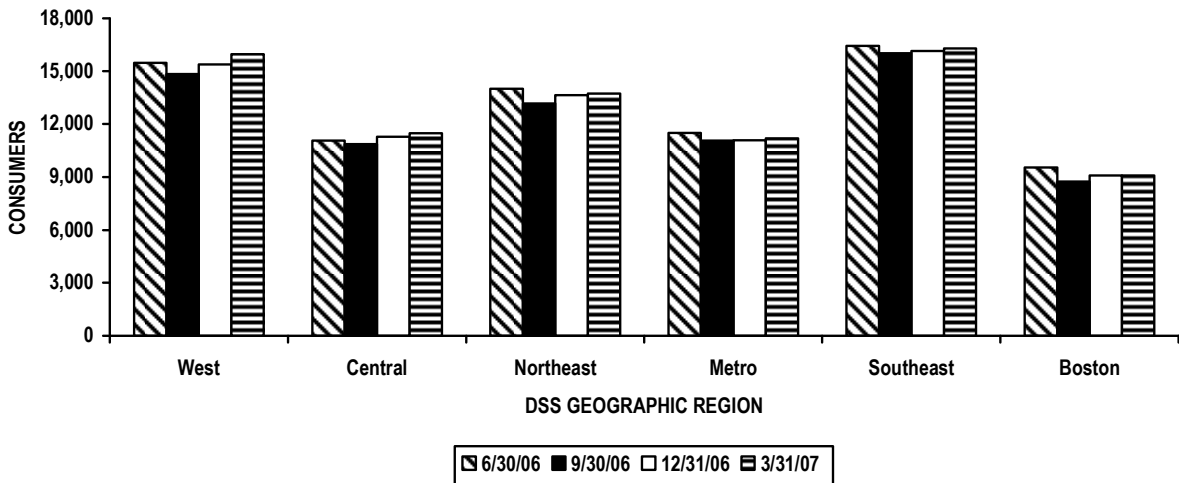
<sup>(5)</sup> See Tables 5A, 5B, and 5C for a breakdown by type of placement.

<sup>(6)</sup> "Other" includes locations such as hospitals and other state agencies.

**FIGURE 1. CASE COUNT BY DSS REGION**  
 (FY'2006, End of 4TH QUARTER to FY'2007, End of 3RD QUARTER)



**FIGURE 2. CONSUMER COUNT BY DSS REGION**  
 (FY'2006, End of 4TH QUARTER to FY'2007, End of 3RD QUARTER)



**TABLE 2. CHILD<sup>(1)</sup> CASELOAD BY DSS: FY'2007, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/07)**

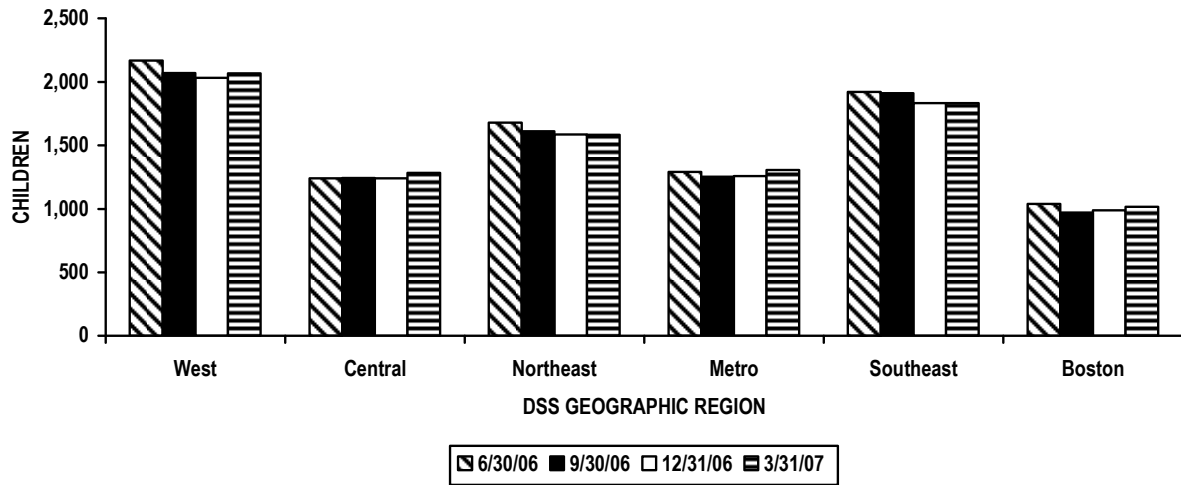
<b>DSS Region/Area</b>	<b>Not in Placement</b>	<b>In Placement</b>	<b>Total Child Caseload</b>	<b>% in Placement</b>
Greenfield	961	322	1,283	25%
Holyoke	1,541	430	1,971	22%
Pittsfield	843	399	1,242	32%
Robert Van Wart	1,707	383	2,090	18%
Springfield	1,565	532	2,097	25%
Contracted Agencies	19	1	20	5%
<b>Western</b>	<b>6,636</b>	<b>2,067</b>	<b>8,703</b>	<b>24%</b>
North Central	1,464	328	1,792	18%
South Central	1,101	282	1,383	20%
Worcester East	1,221	341	1,562	22%
Worcester West	1,054	331	1,385	24%
Contracted Agencies	1	3	4	75%
<b>Central</b>	<b>4,841</b>	<b>1,285</b>	<b>6,126</b>	<b>21%</b>
Cape Ann	1,044	302	1,346	22%
Haverhill	1,037	235	1,272	18%
Lawrence	1,411	341	1,752	19%
Lowell	1,275	410	1,685	24%
Lynn	1,007	293	1,300	23%
Contracted Agencies	8	1	9	11%
<b>Northeast</b>	<b>5,782</b>	<b>1,582</b>	<b>7,364</b>	<b>21%</b>
Arlington	853	252	1,105	23%
Cambridge	714	215	929	23%
Coastal	770	335	1,105	30%
Framingham	801	207	1,008	21%
Malden	1,236	291	1,527	19%
Contracted Agencies	13	6	19	32%
<b>Metro</b>	<b>4,387</b>	<b>1,306</b>	<b>5,693</b>	<b>23%</b>
Attleboro	903	245	1,148	21%
Brockton	1,137	343	1,480	23%
Cape Cod	779	221	1,000	22%
Fall River	1,123	399	1,522	26%
New Bedford	1,531	402	1,933	21%
Plymouth	906	218	1,124	19%
Contracted Agencies	9	4	13	31%
<b>Southeast</b>	<b>6,388</b>	<b>1,832</b>	<b>8,220</b>	<b>22%</b>
Dimock Street	820	241	1,061	23%
Harbor	1,057	236	1,293	18%
Hyde Park	676	227	903	25%
Park Street	1,356	309	1,665	19%
Contracted Agencies	---	2	2	---
<b>Boston</b>	<b>3,909</b>	<b>1,015</b>	<b>4,924</b>	<b>21%</b>
<b>Adoption Contracts<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>5</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>98%</b>
<b>Other<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>2</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>92%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,950</b>	<b>9,352</b>	<b>41,302</b>	<b>23%</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Children are less than 18 years old.

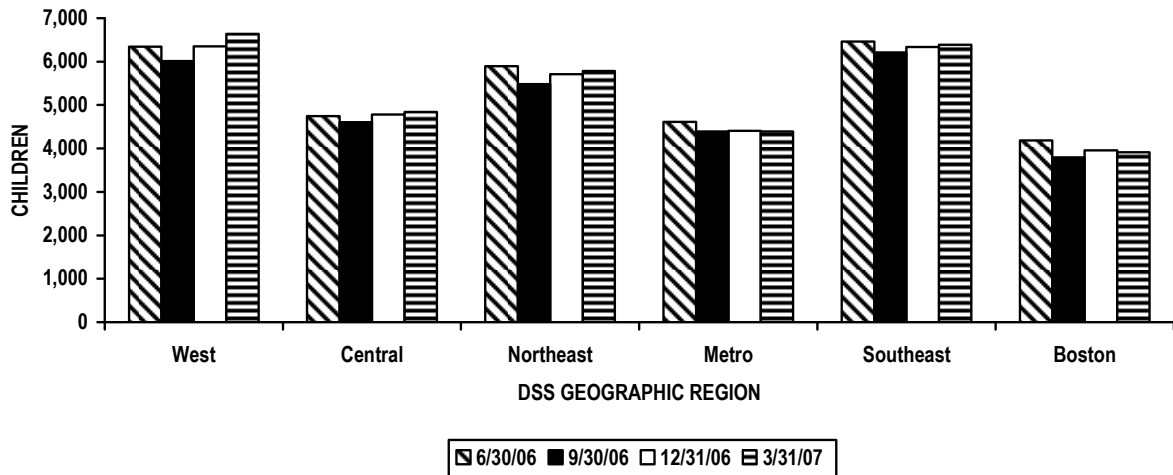
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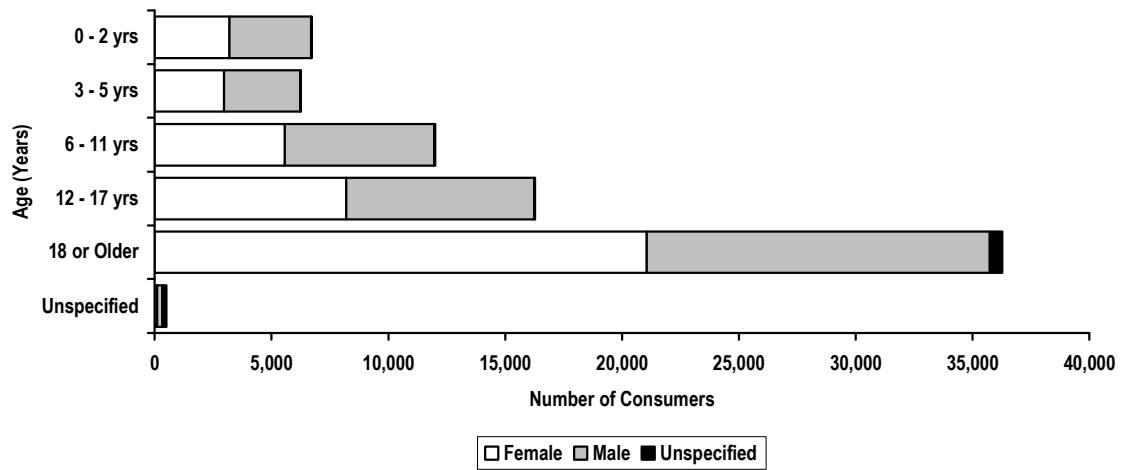
**FIGURE 3. CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT BY DSS REGION  
(FY'2006, End of 4TH QUARTER to FY'2007, End of 3RD QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 4. CHILDREN NOT IN PLACEMENT BY DSS REGION  
(FY'2006, End of 4TH QUARTER to FY'2007, End of 3RD QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 5. AGE AND SEX OF CONSUMERS: STATEWIDE  
FY'2007, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/07)**



Age (Yrs)	Sex			Total
	Female	Male	Unspecified <sup>(1)</sup>	
0 - 2	3,209	3,485	27	6,721
3 - 5	2,969	3,269	22	6,260
6 - 11	5,571	6,395	48	12,014
12 - 17	8,205	8,043	31	16,279
18 or older	21,061	14,683	526	36,270
Unspecified <sup>(1)</sup>	111	225	174	510
<b>Total</b>	<b>41,126</b>	<b>36,100</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>78,054</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Unspecified includes 482 individuals with the role "Consumer Adult" and 28 individuals with the role "Consumer Child" whose ages were unknown and 828 consumers whose gender was not specified as of the run date.

TABLE 3A. RACE OF CONSUMERS BY DSS REGION: FY'2007, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/07)

Race	DSS Geographic Region												Adoption		Other <sup>(2)</sup>		Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>					
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
White	9,212	58%	7,276	63%	7,823	57%	6,904	62%	10,342	64%	1,964	22%	111	45%	6	13%	43,638	56%
Black	1,782	11%	983	9%	922	7%	1,688	15%	2,230	14%	4,213	46%	58	24%	34	71%	11,910	15%
Asian	52	*	93	1%	816	6%	214	2%	123	1%	259	3%	1	*	2	4%	1,560	2%
Native American	18	*	25	*	19	*	5	*	61	*	14	*	1	*	---	---	143	*
Other <sup>(3)</sup>	5	*	6	*	2	*	7	*	9	*	6	*	---	---	---	---	35	*
Multi-Racial	333	2%	243	2%	295	2%	224	2%	441	3%	175	2%	26	11%	---	---	1,737	2%
Unspecified	4,571	29%	2,852	25%	3,866	28%	2,152	19%	3,075	19%	2,460	27%	49	20%	6	13%	19,031	24%
Total	15,973	100%	11,478	100%	13,743	100%	11,194	100%	16,281	100%	9,091	100%	246	100%	48	100%	78,054	100%

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

<sup>(1)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.<sup>(3)</sup> Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

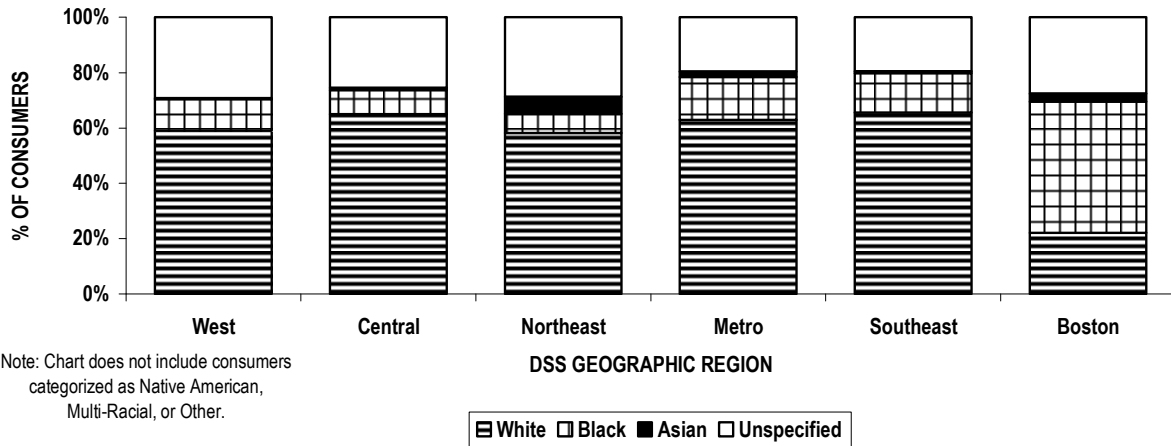
TABLE 3B. HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN OF CONSUMERS BY DSS REGION: FY'2007, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/07)

Origin	DSS Geographic Region												Adoption		Other <sup>(3)</sup>		Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts <sup>(2)</sup>					
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(1)</sup>	4,874	31%	2,792	24%	4,168	30%	1,492	13%	1,848	11%	2,627	29%	65	26%	2	4%	17,868	23%
Not Hispanic/Latino	8,106	51%	6,850	60%	7,668	56%	7,180	64%	10,938	67%	5,107	56%	166	67%	35	73%	46,050	59%
Unspecified	2,993	19%	1,836	16%	1,907	14%	2,522	23%	3,495	21%	1,357	15%	15	6%	11	23%	14,136	18%
Total	15,973	100%	11,478	100%	13,743	100%	11,194	100%	16,281	100%	9,091	100%	246	100%	48	100%	78,054	100%

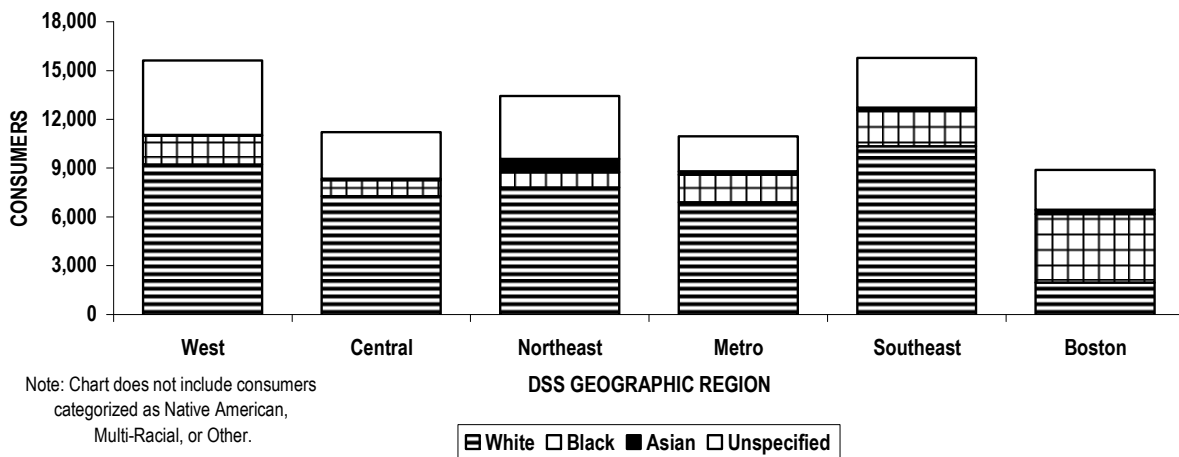
Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

<sup>(1)</sup> Consumers of any race who self-identify as being of Hispanic origin.<sup>(2)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.<sup>(3)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

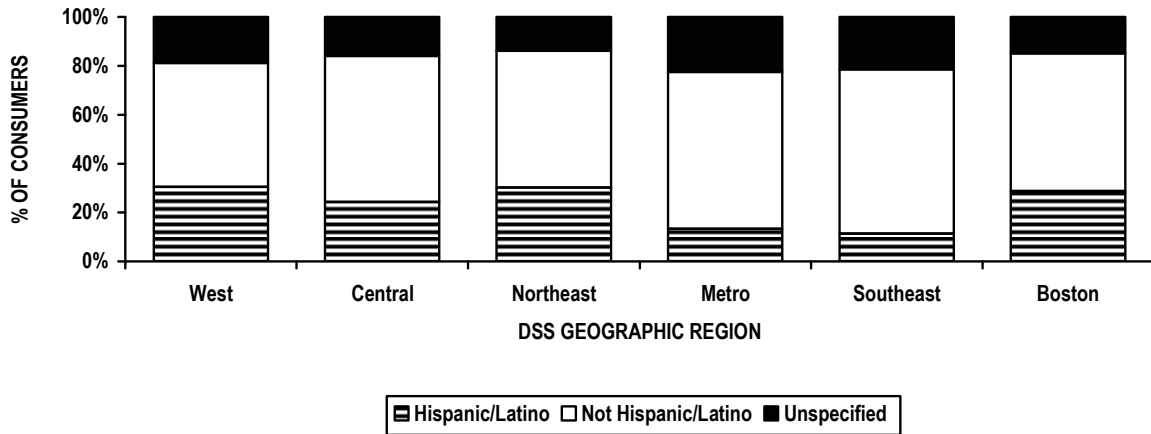
**FIGURE 6A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS BY RACE  
FY'07, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/07)**



**FIGURE 6B. REGIONAL COUNT OF CONSUMERS BY RACE  
FY'07, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/07)**



**FIGURE 6C. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS BY HISPANIC ORIGIN**  
**FY'07, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/07)**



**FIGURE 6D. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS BY HISPANIC ORIGIN**  
**FY'07, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/07)**

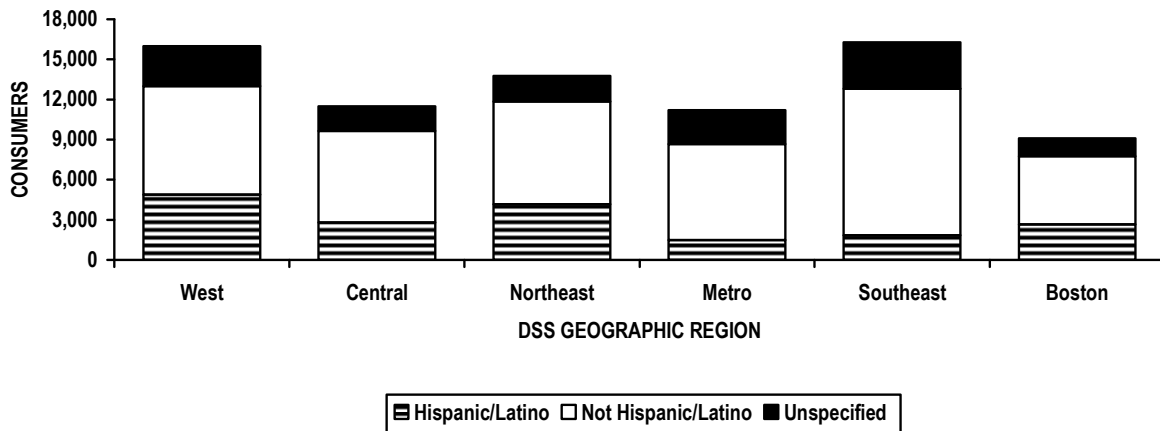


TABLE 4. PRIMARY LANGUAGE OF CONSUMERS BY DSS REGION: FY'2007, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/07)

Primary Language	DSS Geographic Region												Adoption				Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>		Other <sup>(2)</sup>			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Spanish	1,152	7%	576	5%	1,134	8%	401	4%	383	2%	813	9%	12	5%	5	10%	4,476	6%
Khmer (Cambodian)	2	*	1	*	281	2%	3	*	49	*	13	*	---	---	---	---	349	*
Portuguese	4	*	21	*	43	*	89	1%	119	1%	11	*	---	---	---	---	287	*
Haitian Creole	---	---	8	*	5	*	123	1%	60	*	63	1%	---	---	---	---	259	*
Vietnamese	9	*	37	*	27	*	20	*	7	*	68	1%	---	---	---	---	168	*
Cape Verdean Creole	2	*	---	---	---	---	3	*	92	*	43	*	---	---	---	---	140	*
Chinese	2	*	2	*	---	---	29	*	---	---	13	*	---	---	---	---	48	*
Lao	---	---	2	*	18	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	20	*
American Sign Lang.	2	*	3	*	9	*	9	*	6	*	9	*	---	---	---	---	38	*
Other	395	2%	217	2%	140	1%	185	2%	341	2%	191	2%	2	1%	19	40%	1,490	2%
EnglishUnspecified	2,355	15%	1,457	13%	1,036	8%	1,343	12%	2,546	16%	975	11%	15	6%	4	8%	9,731	12%
Total	15,973	100%	11,478	100%	13,743	100%	11,194	100%	16,281	100%	9,091	100%	246	100%	48	100%	78,054	100%

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

## **Profile of Consumers in Placement**<sup>6</sup>

### **Foster and Congregate Care**

- There were 7,983 consumers in foster care and 2,330 consumers in congregate care<sup>7</sup> on the last day of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2007. Foster care populations were highest in the Western and Southeastern Regions. The number of consumers in congregate care was greatest in the Northeastern, Metro, and Southeastern Regions. **(Table 5A)**
- The largest age group in foster care was 12-17 years (34-40% range across regions). Among regions, the West, Southeast, and Northeast had the highest numbers of adolescents in foster care, 687, 547, and 473, respectively. **(Table 5A)**
- Adolescents were the primary age group in congregate care, ranging from 64% to 72% across the regions. The Northeastern, Metro, and Southeastern Regions had the largest adolescent populations in congregate care, 366, 350, and 314, respectively. **(Table 5A)**
- Consumers in “Other” placement locations<sup>8</sup> were primarily adolescents (77-85% regional range). **(Table 5A)**
- There were 1,985 consumers in “Intensive” foster care<sup>9</sup> (IFC) and 5,998 consumers in “Departmental” foster care. Departmental foster care was separated into unrestricted (39% of consumers), kinship (32%), child specific (12%), pre-adoptive (6%), and independent living (11%). **(Table 5B)**
- The Western Region had the highest number of consumers in IFC **(Table 5B)**.
- A breakdown of Departmental foster care showed the West had the largest number of consumers in unrestricted, child-specific, and pre-adoptive foster care. Consumers in kinship care were highest in the Southeast. The Northeast had the most consumers in independent living. **(Fig. 7B, Table 5B)**

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<sup>6</sup>Consumers include children less than 18 years old and young adults 18 to 23 years old.

<sup>7</sup>Congregate Care includes: Group Home, Residential, and short-term residential placement (Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration, STARR).

<sup>8</sup>“Other” includes locations like hospitals and other state agencies, as well as children on the run from placement.

<sup>9</sup>Intensive Foster Care encompasses and expands upon services formerly known as “Contracted” foster care (Therapeutic, Diagnostic, Independent Living, Emergency Shelter, and Other models). IFC programs provide therapeutic services and supports in a family-based placement setting to children and youth for whom a traditional foster care environment is not sufficiently supportive, who are transitioning from a residential/group home level of care and require the intensity of services available through this program, or who are being discharged from a hospital setting.

- The proportions of consumers in different types of departmental foster care are displayed for each region in Figure 7A. Consumers in unrestricted homes were most prevalent in the West and Central. Metro and the Northeast had the largest proportions of consumers in kinship homes. Consumers in child-specific homes were most evident in the West. The Western and Central Regions had the highest proportions of consumers in pre-adoptive homes. Consumers in independent living were proportionally higher in Boston and the Northeast as compared to the other regions. **(Fig. 7A)**
- The major congregate programs were residential (1,000 consumers), group homes (991 consumers), and short-term residential placement services (Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration, STARR)<sup>10</sup> (339 consumers). **(Table 5C)**
- The proportions of consumers in different types of congregate care are shown for each region in Figure 8A. The Western and Metro Regions had the highest proportions of consumers in group homes. The proportion of consumers in residential was most significant in both the Southeast and Northeast. Children in STARR placements were more prevalent in the Southeastern and Central Regions. **(Fig. 8A)**
- The number of consumers in group homes was highest in Metro. The Northeast had the most consumers in residential. The Southeast had the most children in the STARR program. **(Fig. 8B)**
- Consumers in the residential program were mostly situated in Residential schools.<sup>11</sup> **(Table 5C)**
- The primary models in the group home program were group home (432 consumers), behavioral treatment residence (BTR) (335), and independent living (224). **(Table 5C)**
- From the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2007, there were statewide gains of 2% and 1% in foster care children and congregate care children, respectively. Regionally, the highest increases in foster children occurred in Boston (8%), Metro (5%), and Central (4%). The most significant increase in congregate care children occurred in the Northeast (5%). **(Figs. 9 and 10).**

<sup>10</sup> Services focused on supporting a rapid reintegration or transition to a next placement.

<sup>11</sup> Staff secure placement is for children who have not sufficiently internalized behavioral controls and require a more highly structured setting to help them manage their behavior. These facilities are licensed by the Department of Education. Special education services are provided according to the child's Individual Education Plan (IEP).

### All Placement Locations (Combined Counts)

- At the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2007, the statewide placement population was comprised of 51% boys and 49% girls. Regionally, the gender difference showed little deviation from the state. **(Table 6A, Fig. 11A)**
- Statewide, 60% of all consumers in placement were White, 19% were Black, 2% were Asian, less than 1% were Native American, and 4% were multi-racial. Race was unspecified for 15% of the placement population. **(Table 6A, Fig. 11A)**
- The proportion of minority consumers in placement was highest in the Boston Region. **(Table 6A)**
- Of the total placement population, 25% (2,695 consumers) self-identified as being of Hispanic origin. Hispanic consumers were most prevalent in the Western and Northeastern Regions. **(Table 6A, Fig. 11A)**
- Race was unspecified for a relatively large number of consumers in placement in the Western and Northeastern Regions. These high values may be attributable to the large number of Hispanic consumers in placement, who may not self-identify with any of the racial categories. **(Table 6A)**
- Adolescents were the largest age group in placement in each of the DSS Regions. The proportion of adolescents ranged from 43% in both the Western and Central Regions to 49% in the Boston Region. **(Table 6B)**
- The number of young adults (18 years or older) in placement ranged from 153 in the Central Region to 317 in the Northeastern Region. **(Table 6B)**
- The most prominent service plan goals of consumers in placement were “Family Reunification” (31% of all consumers in placement), “Adoption” (23%), and Living Independently (21%). Regionally, the Southeast had the highest number and proportion of consumers in placement with a goal of reunifying the family. The West had the highest number and second highest proportion of consumers in placement with a goal of adoption. The largest numbers of consumers with a goal of “Independent Living” were evenly distributed over three regions—Southeast, West, and Northeast. **(Table 6B, Fig. 11B)**
- Statewide, 38% of the placement population had been in continuous care<sup>12</sup> for more than 2 years, 22% between 1 and 2 years, and 40% for 1 year or less. **(Table 6B, Fig. 11B)**

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<sup>12</sup> Length of stay in placement, as measured by a “point-in-time snapshot” of consumers residing in care, is not representative of all individuals who spend time in care during some specified period. It is biased because consumers in continuous long-term placement are over-represented in “snapshot” counts and many others who enter and leave placement quickly are not counted at all.

- The Northeastern Region had the highest proportion of consumers in continuous<sup>13</sup> care for more than two years (42%). Metro had the highest proportion of consumers in care for one year or less (46%). The Southeast and West had the largest numbers of consumers in care for one year or less (909 and 897, respectively). The West had the largest number of consumers in care for more than two years (893). **(Table 6B)**
- Tables 7A and 7B display the race and Hispanic origin of consumers in placement by their length of time in continuous care. There was a tendency for a greater proportion of Black consumers to be in care for more than two years as compared to other races (42% for Black vs. 38% for White, 39% for Hispanic, 39% for Asian). **(Tables 7A and 7B)**
- At the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2007 ("snapshot" on 3/31/07), the median time in continuous care was 1.2 years and the median<sup>14</sup> age was 12.6 years for all children less than 18 years old in placement. Over the past 15 years, the median age of children in care has slowly increased while the median time in placement has been fairly stable. Median age has not changed in almost three years while median time in care has been constant for nearly two years. (See table below).

<b>All Children in Placement<sup>15</sup></b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Median Age (yrs)</b>	<b>Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)</b>	<b>Number of Children</b>
7/92	9.2	1.5	12,311
7/93	9.3	1.6	12,577
7/94	9.1	1.4	12,977
7/95	9.2	1.3	13,056
7/96	9.7	1.4	12,643
7/97	10.2	1.4	11,957
9/98*	10.5	1.4	10,872
6/99*	11.0	1.2	10,134
6/00*	11.2	1.5	9,676
6/01*	11.5	1.4	9,955
6/02	11.9	1.5	10,033
6/03	12.2	1.5	10,233
6/04	12.3	1.5	9,829
6/05	12.6	1.4	9,474
6/06	12.6	1.2	9,586
9/06	12.6	1.2	9,306
12/06	12.6	1.2	9,203
3/07	12.6	1.2	9,352

Notes: **Children are less than 18 years old.**

\* = revised statistics

<sup>13</sup> Continuous time in care is defined as the span of time from the child's most recent placement entry to the Quarter End Date (March 31, 2007).

<sup>14</sup> Half of the children are younger than the median and half are older.

<sup>15</sup> Children are less than 18 years old.

- A racial and Hispanic origin breakdown of children in placement is presented in the following table. The median age of minority children was greater than the median age of white children. Median time in care was similar for white and minority children.

<b>All Children in Placement<sup>16</sup> on 3/31/07</b>			
<b>Race</b>	<b>Median Age (yrs)</b>	<b>Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)</b>	<b>Number of Children</b>
White	12.5	1.2	5,589
Black	13.7	1.2	1,725
Asian	14.3	1.0	135
Native American	16.1	2.4	15
Pacific Islander	13.5	0.7	9
Multi-Racial	7.6	1.2	421
Unknown	12.0	1.1	1,458
<b>TOTAL</b>	12.6	1.2	9,352
Hispanic Origin <sup>17</sup>	12.6	1.2	2,394

Note: **Children are less than 18 years old.**

### **Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption**

- Out of 2,472 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 1,472 (60%) were White, 416 (17%) were Black, 15 (1%) were Asian, 2 (<1%) were Native American, and 165 (7%) were multi-racial. Race was unspecified for 16%. Twenty-eight percent (686) of all consumers in placement with a goal of adoption were of Hispanic origin. (**Tables 8A and 8B, Fig. 12A**)
- The age distribution of 2,472 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption was: 27% age 0-2 years, 23% age 3-5 years, 36% age 6-11 years, and 13% age 12-17 years. (**Table 8C, Fig. 12A**)
- Fifty-four percent of the consumers with a goal of adoption were male and 46% were female. (**Fig. 12A**)

<sup>16</sup> Children are less than 18 years old.

<sup>17</sup> Children of any race who are Hispanic

- Forty-four percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of adoption had been in continuous placement for more than two years. **(Table 8D, Fig. 12A)**
- Forty-one percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of guardianship had been in continuous placement for more than two years. **(Table 8D)**
- There has been a decline in the number of children<sup>18</sup> in placement with a goal of adoption since 1994 (peak value of 4,522). In 1997, this group of “waiting” children fell below 4,000 for the first time since 1991. In general, changes in the number of children with a goal of adoption have coincided with changes in the placement population. (See table below)
- The proportion of “waiting” children reached its highest level in 1994 (35%). Since 1994, the proportion of children with a goal of adoption has dropped to 26%. (See table below)

Date	Children in Placement	Children in Placement with a Goal of Adoption	% of Children with a Goal of Adoption
7/91	12,397	3,541	29%
7/92	12,311	4,116	33%
7/93	12,577	4,244	34%
7/94	12,977	4,522	35%
7/95	13,056	4,352	33%
7/96	12,463	4,251	34%
7/97	11,957	3,673	31%
1/98	11,170	3,489	31%
9/98	10,872*	NA	NA
6/99	10,134*	3,118	31%
6/00	9,676*	3,089	32%
6/01	9,955*	2,859	29%
6/02	10,033	2,844	28%
6/03	10,233	2,864*	28%
6/04	9,829	2,761*	28%
6/05	9,474	2,569	27%
6/06	9,586	2,481	26%
9/06	9,306	2,456	26%
12/06	9,203	2,409	26%
3/07	9,352	2,466	26%

Notes: **Children are less than 18 years old.**

\* = revised statistics

<sup>18</sup> Children are less than 18 years old.

- Of the 2,472 “waiting” consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 42% were legally free for adoption. Seventy-nine percent of the freed children were matched to a permanent family. **(Fig. 12B)**
- The age distribution for consumers legally free for adoption differed slightly from the age group distribution for all consumers with a goal of adoption (See below and Fig. 12A). There is a tendency for older children to be freed. A bias toward adolescents may be a reflection of the time required to terminate parental rights – the more time it takes to free a child, the older the child is when freed.

Age Group (years)	Children Legally Free for Adoption		All Children with a Goal of Adoption	
	No.	%	No.	%
0 – 2	265	26%	665	27%
3 – 5	226	22%	578	23%
6 – 11	368	36%	902	37%
12 – 17	171	17%	321	13%
<b>Total</b>	1,030	100%	2,466	100%

Note: These children are less than 18 years old. All children 18 years or older are free for adoption.

- Of those children who were not legally free for adoption (58%), 64% were matched to permanent families **(Fig. 12B)**.
- The Boston and Southeastern Regions had the highest proportions (57% and 56%, respectively) of “waiting” children who were legally free for adoption. The Western and Southeastern Regions had the highest proportions of “waiting” children who were matched to a permanent family (81% each region). **(Figs. 12C and 12D)**

TABLE 5A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT - AGE AND LOCATION BY DSS REGION: FY'2007, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/07)

		Placement Location of Consumers						
DSS Geographic Region <sup>(1)</sup>	Age Group	Foster Care		Congregate Care		Other <sup>(2)</sup>		Total No.
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western		1,888		310		118		2,316
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	331	18%	1	*	1	1%	333
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	270	14%	2	1%	1	1%	273
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	403	21%	42	14%	10	8%	455
	(12 - 17 yrs)	687	36%	219	71%	100	85%	1,006
	18 or older	197	10%	46	15%	6	5%	249
Central		1,085		281		72		1,438
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	213	20%	---	---	2	3%	215
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	140	13%	4	1%	---	---	144
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	241	22%	51	18%	10	14%	302
	(12 - 17 yrs)	369	34%	199	71%	56	78%	624
	18 or older	122	11%	27	10%	4	6%	153
Northeast		1,293		506		100		1,899
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	178	14%	---	---	4	4%	182
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	137	11%	1	*	6	6%	144
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	286	22%	46	9%	7	7%	339
	(12 - 17 yrs)	473	37%	366	72%	78	78%	917
	18 or older	219	17%	93	18%	5	5%	317
Metro		979		484		83		1,546
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	187	19%	1	*	3	4%	191
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	115	12%	2	*	1	1%	118
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	195	20%	43	9%	9	11%	247
	(12 - 17 yrs)	336	34%	350	72%	64	77%	750
	18 or older	146	15%	88	18%	6	7%	240
Southeast		1,593		440		88		2,121
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	301	19%	3	1%	2	2%	306
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	205	13%	6	1%	1	1%	212
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	311	20%	59	13%	13	15%	383
	(12 - 17 yrs)	547	34%	314	71%	70	80%	931
	18 or older	229	14%	58	13%	2	2%	289
Boston		865		308		99		1,272
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	143	17%	---	---	1	1%	144
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	85	10%	3	1%	---	---	88
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	123	14%	28	9%	6	6%	157
	(12 - 17 yrs)	346	40%	196	64%	84	85%	626
	18 or older	168	19%	81	26%	8	8%	257
Adoption Contracts <sup>(3)</sup>		239		1		1		241
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	37	15%	---	---	---	---	37
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	65	27%	---	---	---	---	65
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	97	41%	1	100%	---	---	98
	(12 - 17 yrs)	40	17%	---	---	1	100%	41
Other <sup>(4)</sup>		41		---		---		41
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	2	5%	---	---	---	---	2
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	3	7%	---	---	---	---	3
	(12 - 17 yrs)	19	46%	---	---	---	---	19
	18 or older	17	41%	---	---	---	---	17
Total		7,983		2,330		561		10,874

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

<sup>(1)</sup> Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DSS Region).<sup>(2)</sup> "Other" includes locations such as hospitals and other state agencies, as well as consumers on the run from placement.<sup>(3)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.<sup>(4)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

TABLE 5B. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DSS REGION: FY'2007, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/07)

DSS Geographic Region <sup>(1)</sup>		Foster Care							Foster Care Total
		Intensive Foster Care		Departmental Foster Care					
		Intensive Foster Care <sup>(2)</sup>	Other <sup>(3)</sup>	Child Specific	Independent Living	Kinship	Pre-Adoptive	Unrestricted	
Western	Age Group	472	3	193	109	357	108	646	1,888
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	11	2	21	---	93	52	152	331
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	19	---	26	---	64	28	133	270
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	75	---	56	---	103	21	148	403
	(12 - 17 yrs)	322	1	77	4	90	6	187	687
	18 or older	45	---	13	105	7	1	26	197
Central		274	6	71	60	267	62	345	1,085
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	4	1	6	---	66	26	110	213
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	10	---	10	---	47	18	55	140
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	47	2	16	---	76	13	87	241
	(12 - 17 yrs)	177	3	32	1	69	5	82	369
	18 or older	36	---	7	59	9	---	11	122
Northeast		371	30	102	152	326	39	273	1,293
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	31	1	3	---	53	17	73	178
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	18	---	5	---	60	5	49	137
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	83	2	27	---	104	13	57	286
	(12 - 17 yrs)	201	17	59	5	103	4	84	473
	18 or older	38	10	8	147	6	---	10	219
Metro		225	4	86	83	289	54	238	979
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	18	2	8	---	66	21	72	187
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	11	---	10	---	50	10	34	115
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	55	---	12	---	73	17	38	195
	(12 - 17 yrs)	120	1	41	---	89	6	79	336
	18 or older	21	1	15	83	11	---	15	146
Southeast		294	7	138	142	472	44	496	1,593
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	7	---	16	---	96	16	166	301
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	14	---	21	---	83	15	72	205
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	43	---	29	---	127	10	102	311
	(12 - 17 yrs)	194	---	62	3	150	3	135	547
	18 or older	36	7	10	139	16	---	21	229
Boston		242	11	76	101	178	23	234	865
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	14	3	12	---	43	14	57	143
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	18	---	8	---	27	5	27	85
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	42	1	15	---	37	3	25	123
	(12 - 17 yrs)	136	6	32	---	61	1	110	346
	18 or older	32	1	9	101	10	---	15	168
Adoption Contracts <sup>(4)</sup>		46	---	19	---	50	44	80	239
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	3	---	9	9	16	37
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	4	---	5	---	15	14	27	65
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	23	---	6	---	21	17	30	97
	(12 - 17 yrs)	19	---	5	---	5	4	7	40
Other <sup>(5)</sup>		---	---	8	5	2	---	26	41
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	1	---	---	---	1	2
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	1	---	---	---	2	3
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	---	6	1	---	---	12	19
	18 or older	---	---	---	4	2	---	11	17
Total		1,924	61	693	652	1,941	374	2,338	7,983

<sup>(1)</sup> Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DSS Region).

<sup>(2)</sup> IFC includes "Teen Parent Rate" model.

<sup>(3)</sup> Other includes "Sibling Rate" model.

<sup>(4)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

<sup>(5)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

TABLE 5C. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DSS REGION: FY'2007, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/07)

DSS Geographic Region <sup>(1)</sup>	Congregate Care						Total
	Group Home			Residential		STARR <sup>(3)</sup>	
	Behavioral Treatment Residence	Group Home	Independent Living	Residential School	Other Residential <sup>(2)</sup>		
Western	89	36	26	87	22	50	310
( 0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
( 3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	2	2
( 6 - 11 yrs)	8	4	---	20	1	9	42
(12 - 17 yrs)	80	19	8	58	16	38	219
18 or older	1	13	18	9	5	---	46
Central	51	52	4	115	10	49	281
( 3 - 5 yrs)	---	2	---	1	---	1	4
( 6 - 11 yrs)	6	4	---	27	---	14	51
(12 - 17 yrs)	41	40	2	75	7	34	199
18 or older	4	6	2	12	3	---	27
Northeast	66	73	70	219	14	64	506
( 3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
( 6 - 11 yrs)	6	5	---	25	2	8	46
(12 - 17 yrs)	58	57	24	166	6	55	366
18 or older	2	11	46	28	6	---	93
Metro	49	126	55	178	15	61	484
( 0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	1	---	1
( 3 - 5 yrs)	1	---	---	---	---	1	2
( 6 - 11 yrs)	6	1	---	26	3	7	43
(12 - 17 yrs)	39	107	13	132	6	53	350
18 or older	3	18	42	20	5	---	88
Southeast	62	72	24	185	19	78	440
( 0 - 2 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	2	3
( 3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	2	---	4	6
( 6 - 11 yrs)	20	2	---	23	---	14	59
(12 - 17 yrs)	41	57	6	141	11	58	314
18 or older	1	12	18	19	8	---	58
Boston	18	73	45	105	31	36	308
( 3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	3	3
( 6 - 11 yrs)	4	---	---	11	3	10	28
(12 - 17 yrs)	12	61	8	72	20	23	196
18 or older	2	12	37	22	8	---	81
Adoption Contracts <sup>(4)</sup>	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
( 6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
Total	335	432	224	889	111	339	2,330

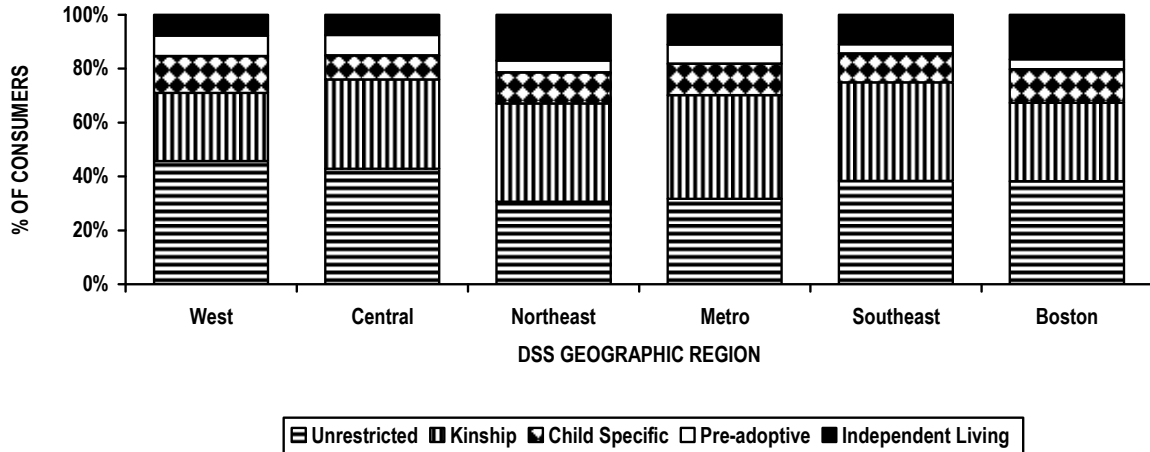
<sup>(1)</sup> Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DSS Region).

<sup>(2)</sup> "Old" taxonomy includes bridge home (1), regular group home (28), chap. 766 (27), teen pregnancy/parenting group home (26), diagnostic (2), Other (27).

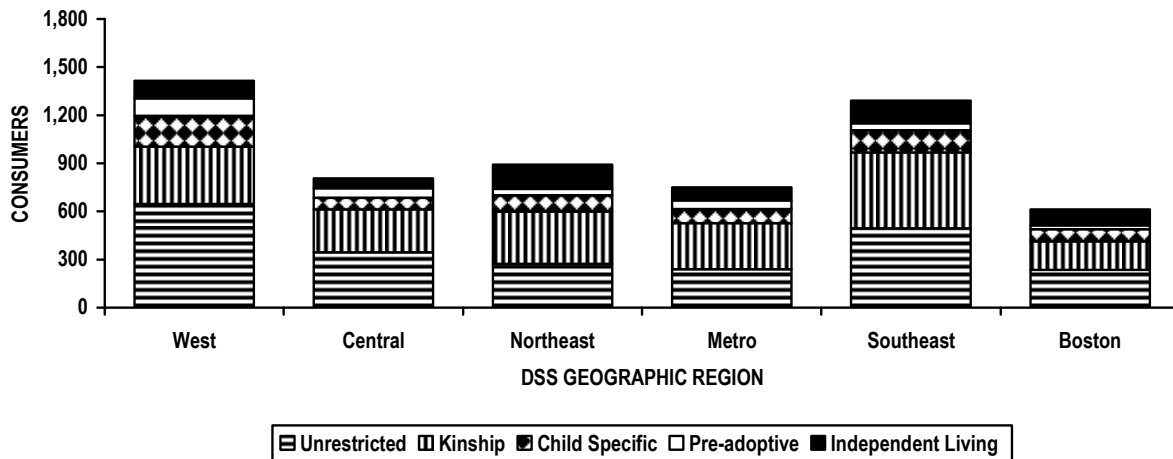
<sup>(3)</sup> STARR = Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration (short-term residential placement service)

<sup>(4)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

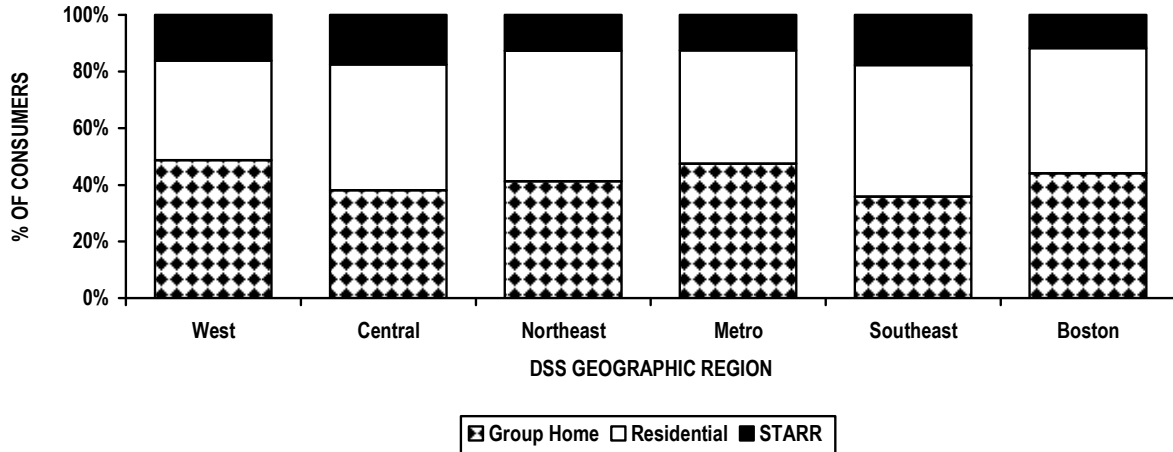
**FIGURE 7A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS  
IN DEPARTMENTAL FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION  
FY'2007, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/07)**



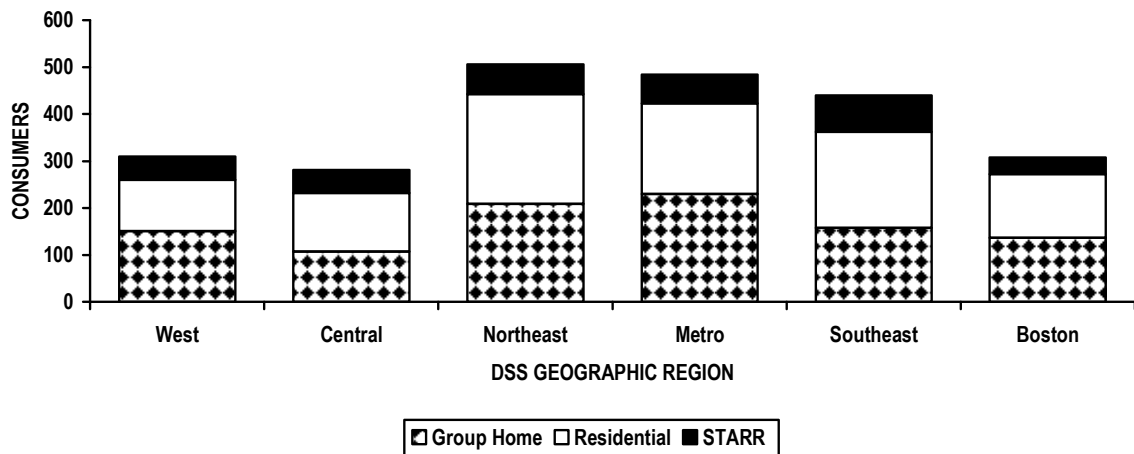
**FIGURE 7B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS  
IN DEPARTMENTAL FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION  
FY'2007, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/07)**



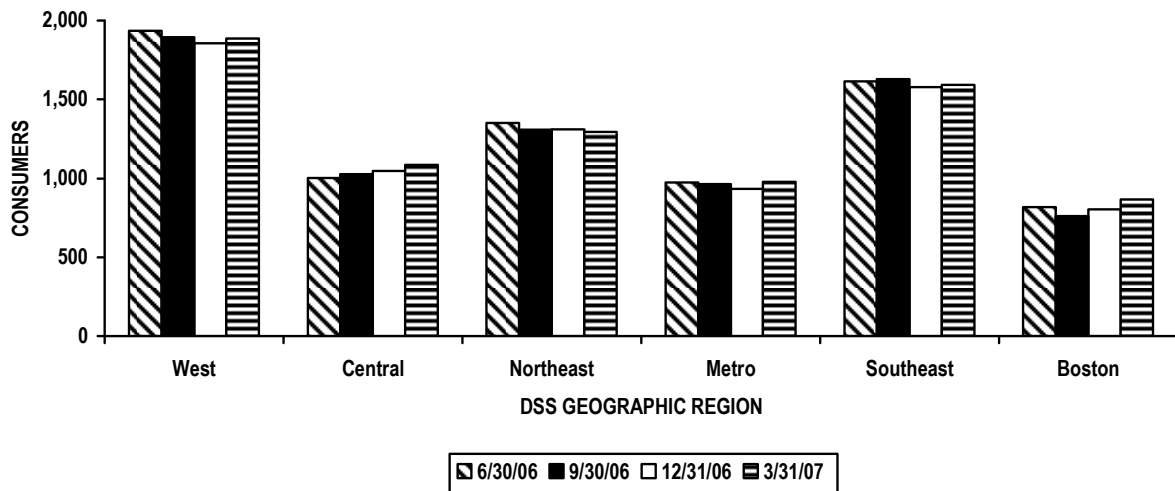
**FIGURE 8A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS  
IN CONGREGATE CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION  
FY'2007, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/07)**



**FIGURE 8B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS  
IN CONGREGATE CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION  
FY'2007, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/07)**



**FIGURE 9. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE BY DSS REGION  
(FY'2006, End of 4TH QUARTER to FY'2007, End of 3RD QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 10. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE BY DSS REGION  
(FY'2006, End of 4TH QUARTER to FY'2007, End of 3RD QUARTER)**

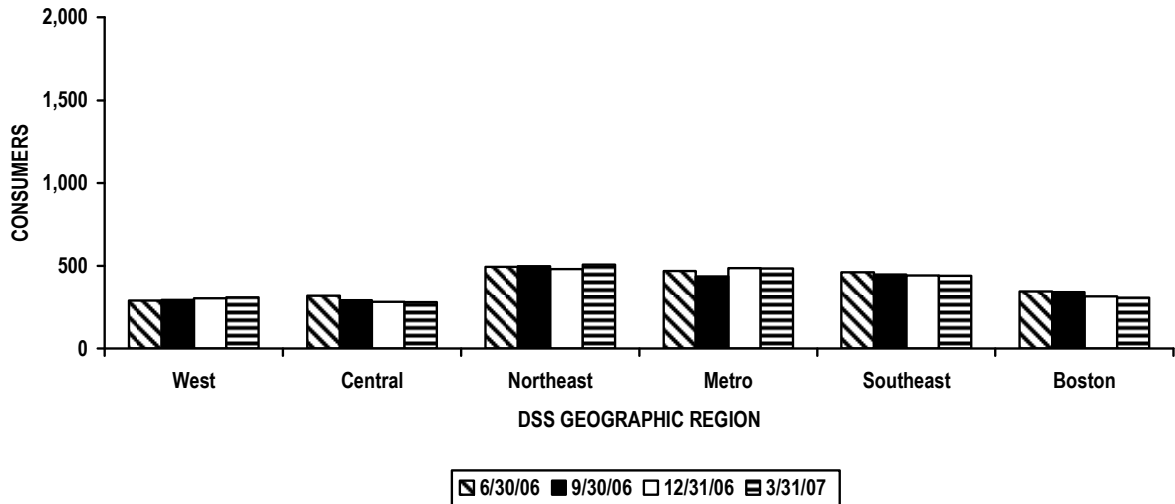


TABLE 6A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: SEX, RACE, AND HISPANIC ORIGIN BY DSS REGIONS AND STATE: FY'2007, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/07)

Characteristics	DSS Geographic Region												Adoption				Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston							
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Sex:																		
Female	1,080	47%	694	48%	937	49%	789	51%	1,022	48%	639	50%	116	48%	14	34%	5,291	49%
Male	1,235	53%	744	52%	962	51%	757	49%	1,099	52%	633	50%	125	52%	27	66%	5,582	51%
Unspecified	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*
Total	2,316	100%	1,438	100%	1,899	100%	1,546	100%	2,121	100%	1,272	100%	241	100%	41	100%	10,874	100%
Race:																		
White	1,477	64%	996	69%	1,150	61%	1,028	66%	1,415	67%	298	23%	110	46%	4	10%	6,478	60%
Black	328	14%	150	10%	194	10%	284	18%	352	17%	715	56%	58	24%	31	76%	2,112	19%
Asian	5	*	8	1%	95	5%	22	1%	16	1%	21	2%	1	*	2	5%	170	2%
Native American	2	*	1	*	2	*	---	---	8	*	3	*	1	*	---	---	17	*
Other <sup>(3)</sup>	1	*	3	*	---	---	1	*	3	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	9	*
Multi-Racial	101	4%	46	3%	75	4%	64	4%	109	5%	42	3%	22	9%	---	---	459	4%
Unspecified	402	17%	234	16%	383	20%	147	10%	218	10%	192	15%	49	20%	4	10%	1,629	15%
Total	2,316	100%	1,438	100%	1,899	100%	1,546	100%	2,121	100%	1,272	100%	241	100%	41	100%	10,874	100%
Hispanic/Latino Origin:																		
Hispanic/Latino	817	35%	352	24%	644	34%	230	15%	287	14%	298	23%	65	27%	2	5%	2,695	25%
Not Hispanic/Latino	1,379	60%	1,002	70%	1,187	63%	1,246	81%	1,709	81%	911	72%	161	67%	30	73%	7,625	70%
Unspecified	120	5%	84	6%	68	4%	70	5%	125	6%	63	5%	15	6%	9	22%	554	5%
Total	2,316	100%	1,438	100%	1,899	100%	1,546	100%	2,121	100%	1,272	100%	241	100%	41	100%	10,874	100%

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

<sup>(1)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.<sup>(3)</sup> Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

TABLE 6B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE BY DSS REGIONS AND STATE:  
FY'2007, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/07)

Characteristics	DSS Geographic Region												Adoption				Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>		Other <sup>(2)</sup>			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Age:																		
( 0 - 2 yrs)	333	14%	215	15%	182	10%	191	12%	306	14%	144	11%	37	15%	---	---	1,408	13%
( 3 - 5 yrs)	273	12%	144	10%	144	8%	118	8%	212	10%	88	7%	65	27%	2	5%	1,046	10%
( 6 - 11 yrs)	455	20%	302	21%	339	18%	247	16%	383	18%	157	12%	98	41%	3	7%	1,984	18%
(12 - 17 yrs)	1,006	43%	624	43%	917	48%	750	49%	931	44%	626	49%	41	17%	19	46%	4,914	45%
18 or older	249	11%	153	11%	317	17%	240	16%	289	14%	257	20%	---	---	17	41%	1,522	14%
Total	2,316	100%	1,438	100%	1,899	100%	1,546	100%	2,121	100%	1,272	100%	241	100%	41	100%	10,874	100%
Service Plan Goals:																		
Reunify Family	653	28%	482	34%	584	31%	527	34%	744	35%	342	27%	---	---	2	5%	3,334	31%
Adoption	575	25%	385	27%	363	19%	247	16%	436	21%	230	18%	236	98%	---	---	2,472	23%
Living Independently	432	19%	214	15%	422	22%	355	23%	452	21%	364	29%	---	---	22	54%	2,261	21%
Long-Term Substitute Care	292	13%	162	11%	272	14%	186	12%	203	10%	110	9%	---	---	3	7%	1,228	11%
Stabilize Intact Family	127	5%	69	5%	91	5%	71	5%	89	4%	84	7%	---	---	---	---	531	5%
Guardianship	121	5%	73	5%	80	4%	82	5%	104	5%	61	5%	4	2%	---	---	525	5%
Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen.	65	3%	34	2%	67	4%	51	3%	73	3%	66	5%	---	---	---	---	356	3%
Unspecified	51	2%	19	1%	20	1%	27	2%	20	1%	15	1%	1	*	14	34%	167	2%
Total	2,316	100%	1,438	100%	1,899	100%	1,546	100%	2,121	100%	1,272	100%	241	100%	41	100%	10,874	100%
Continuous Time in Care:																		
(.5 yr or less)	474	20%	382	27%	408	21%	439	28%	494	23%	320	25%	7	3%	6	15%	2,530	23%
(> .5 - 1 yr)	423	18%	249	17%	289	15%	276	18%	415	20%	185	15%	14	6%	8	20%	1,859	17%
(> 1 - 1.5 yrs)	303	13%	186	13%	227	12%	188	12%	281	13%	144	11%	34	14%	4	10%	1,367	13%
(> 1.5 - 2 yrs)	223	10%	131	9%	165	9%	136	9%	199	9%	107	8%	41	17%	3	7%	1,005	9%
(> 2 - 4 yrs)	443	19%	274	19%	367	19%	277	18%	387	18%	228	18%	81	34%	17	41%	2,074	19%
> 4 yrs	450	19%	216	15%	443	23%	230	15%	345	16%	288	23%	64	27%	3	7%	2,039	19%
Total	2,316	100%	1,438	100%	1,899	100%	1,546	100%	2,121	100%	1,272	100%	241	100%	41	100%	10,874	100%

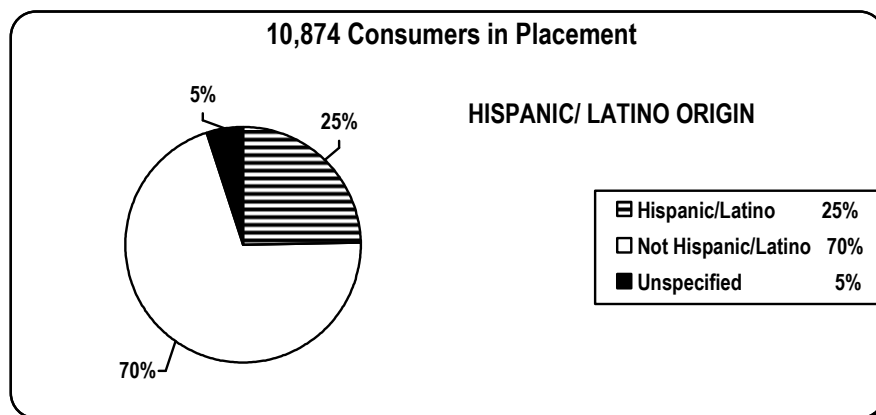
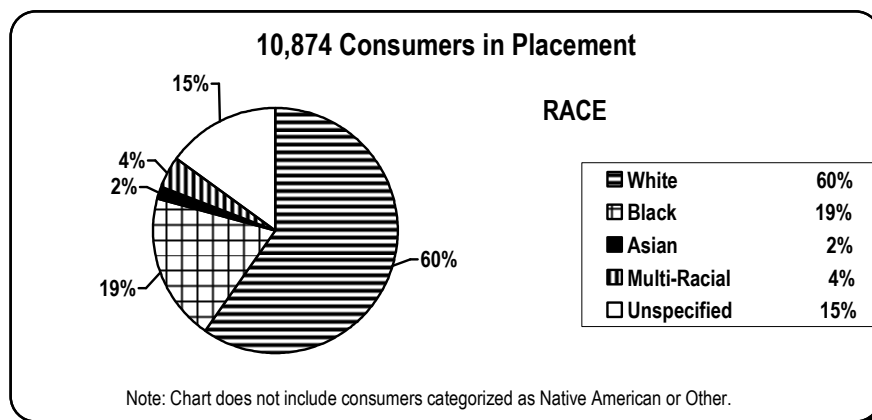
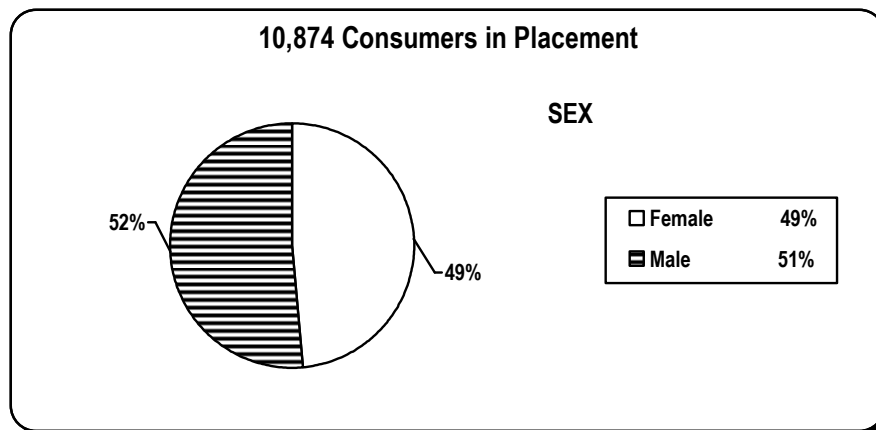
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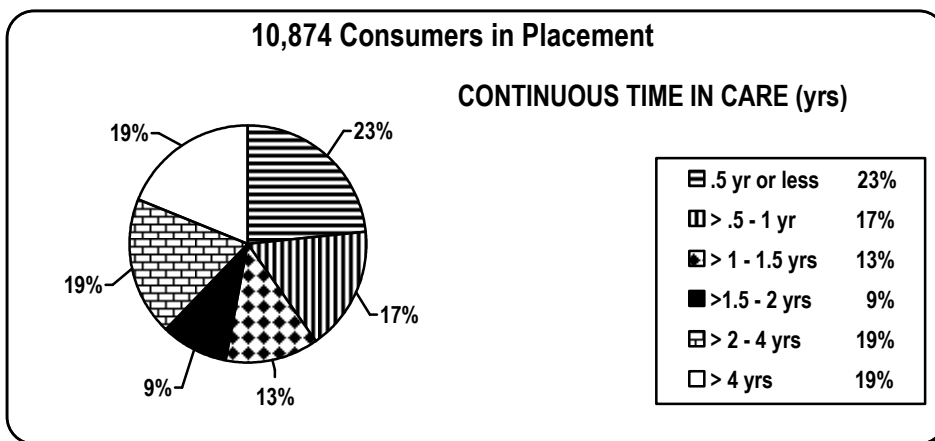
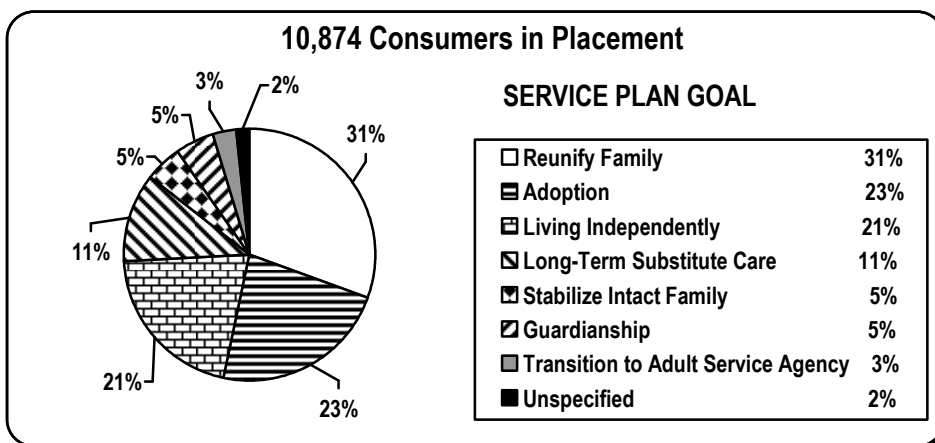
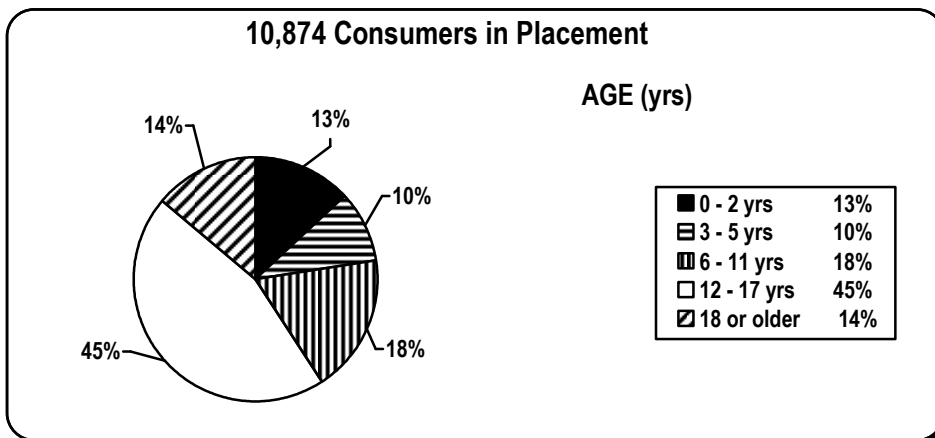
<sup>(1)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**FIGURE 11A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY SEX, RACE, AND HISPANIC ORIGIN  
STATEWIDE: FY'2007, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/07)**



**FIGURE 11B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL,  
AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT  
STATEWIDE: FY'2007, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/07)**



**TABLE 7A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE:**  
**FY'2007, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/07)**

Continuous Time in Care	Race of Consumers												Total			
	Native															
	White		Black		Asian		American		Other <sup>(1)</sup>		Multi-Racial		Unspecified			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
(.5 yr or less)	1,506	23%	454	21%	52	31%	4	24%	2	22%	102	22%	410	25%	2,530	23%
(>.5 - 1 yr)	1,131	17%	326	15%	20	12%	2	12%	3	33%	91	20%	286	18%	1,859	17%
(>1 - 1.5 yrs)	802	12%	253	12%	21	12%	---	---	3	33%	61	13%	227	14%	1,367	13%
(>1.5 - 2 yrs)	614	9%	189	9%	11	6%	1	6%	---	---	45	10%	145	9%	1,005	9%
(>2 - 4 yrs)	1,224	19%	427	20%	26	15%	7	41%	---	---	105	23%	285	17%	2,074	19%
> 4yrs	1,201	19%	463	22%	40	24%	3	18%	1	11%	55	12%	276	17%	2,039	19%
Total	6,478	100%	2,112	100%	170	100%	17	100%	9	100%	459	100%	1,629	100%	10,874	100%

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

**TABLE 7B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE: STATEWIDE**  
**FY'2007, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/07)**

Continuous Time in Care	Hispanic/Latino Origin <sup>(1)</sup> of Consumers						Total	
	Hispanic/ Latino		Not Hispanic/ Latino		Unspecified			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
(.5 yr or less)	610	23%	1,761	23%	159	29%	2,530	23%
(>.5 - 1 yr)	422	16%	1,327	17%	110	20%	1,859	17%
(>1 - 1.5 yrs)	367	14%	927	12%	73	13%	1,367	13%
(>1.5 - 2 yrs)	250	9%	696	9%	59	11%	1,005	9%
(>2 - 4 yrs)	516	19%	1,473	19%	85	15%	2,074	19%
> 4yrs	530	20%	1,441	19%	68	12%	2,039	19%
Total	2,695	100%	7,625	100%	554	100%	10,874	100%

<sup>(1)</sup> Consumers of any race who self-identify as being of Hispanic origin.

**TABLE 8A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2007, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/07)**

Service Plan Goal	Race of Consumers												Total			
	Native															
	White		Black		Asian		American		Other <sup>(1)</sup>		Multi-Racial		Unspecified			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Reunify Family	2,029	61%	552	17%	62	2%	6	*	6	*	148	4%	531	16%	3,334	100%
Adoption	1,472	60%	416	17%	15	1%	2	*	---	---	165	7%	402	16%	2,472	100%
Living Independently	1,286	57%	587	26%	47	2%	6	*	1	*	61	3%	273	12%	2,261	100%
Long-Term Substitute Care	734	60%	262	21%	22	2%	2	*	---	---	28	2%	180	15%	1,228	100%
Stabilize Intact Family	316	60%	99	19%	11	2%	1	*	1	---	23	4%	80	15%	531	100%
Guardianship	317	60%	96	18%	8	2%	---	---	1	---	22	4%	81	15%	525	100%
Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen.	229	64%	71	20%	3	1%	---	---	---	---	8	2%	45	13%	356	100%
Unspecified	95	57%	29	17%	2	1%	---	---	---	---	4	2%	37	22%	167	100%
Total	6,478	60%	2,112	19%	170	2%	17	*	9	*	459	4%	1,629	15%	10,874	100%

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

**TABLE 8B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2007, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/07)**

Service Plan Goal	Hispanic/Latino Origin <sup>(1)</sup> of Consumers						Total
	Hispanic/		Not Hispanic/		Unspecified		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Reunify Family	788	24%	2,364	71%	182	5%	3,334 100%
Adoption	686	28%	1,616	65%	170	7%	2,472 100%
Living Independently	477	21%	1,697	75%	87	4%	2,261 100%
Long-Term Substitute Care	360	29%	829	68%	39	3%	1,228 100%
Stabilize Intact Family	146	27%	357	67%	28	5%	531 100%
Guardianship	120	23%	387	74%	18	3%	525 100%
Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen.	83	23%	268	75%	5	1%	356 100%
Unspecified	35	21%	107	64%	25	15%	167 100%
Total	2,695	25%	7,625	70%	554	5%	10,874 100%

<sup>(1)</sup> Consumers of any race who self-identify as being of Hispanic/Latino origin.

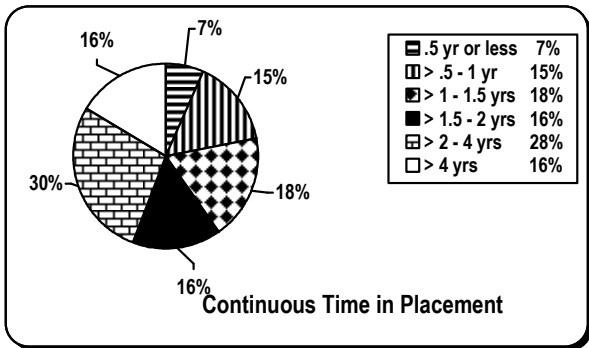
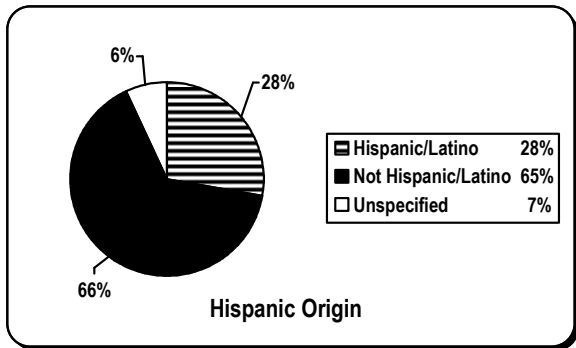
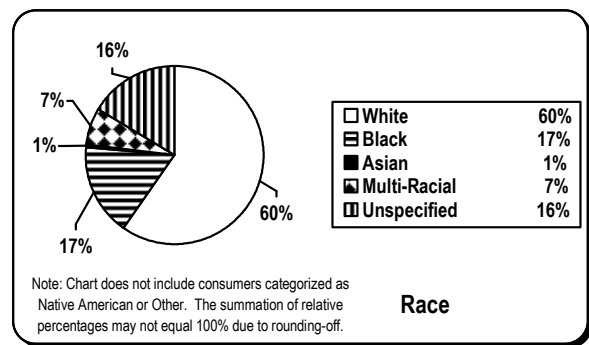
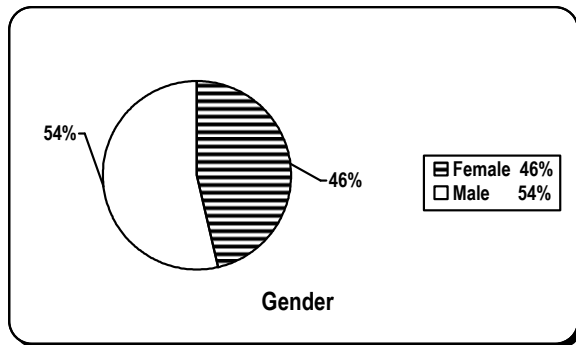
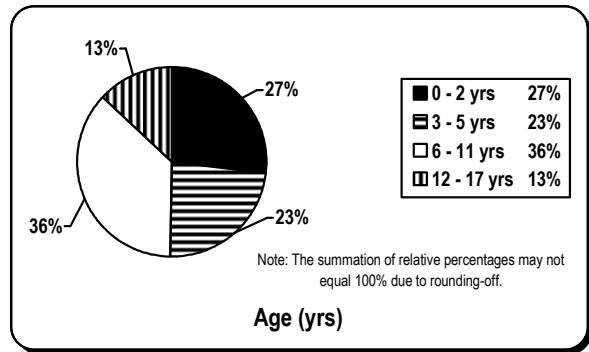
**TABLE 8C. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE GROUP AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2007, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/07)**

Service Plan Goal	Age Group of Consumers										Total	
	(0 - 2 yrs)		(3 - 5 yrs)		(6 - 11 yrs)		(12 - 17 yrs)		18 or older			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Reunify Family	609	18%	369	11%	689	21%	1,642	49%	25	1%	3,334	100%
Adoption	665	27%	578	23%	902	36%	321	13%	6	*	2,472	100%
Living Independently	---	---	---	---	---	---	1,060	47%	1,201	53%	2,261	100%
Long-Term Substitute Care	2	*	2	*	109	9%	1,065	87%	50	4%	1,228	100%
Stabilize Intact Family	52	10%	41	8%	77	15%	336	63%	25	5%	531	100%
Guardianship	21	4%	43	8%	190	36%	262	50%	9	2%	525	100%
Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen.	---	---	---	---	7	2%	149	42%	200	56%	356	100%
Unspecified	59	35%	13	8%	10	6%	79	47%	6	4%	167	100%
Total	1,408	13%	1,046	10%	1,984	18%	4,914	45%	1,522	14%	10,874	100%

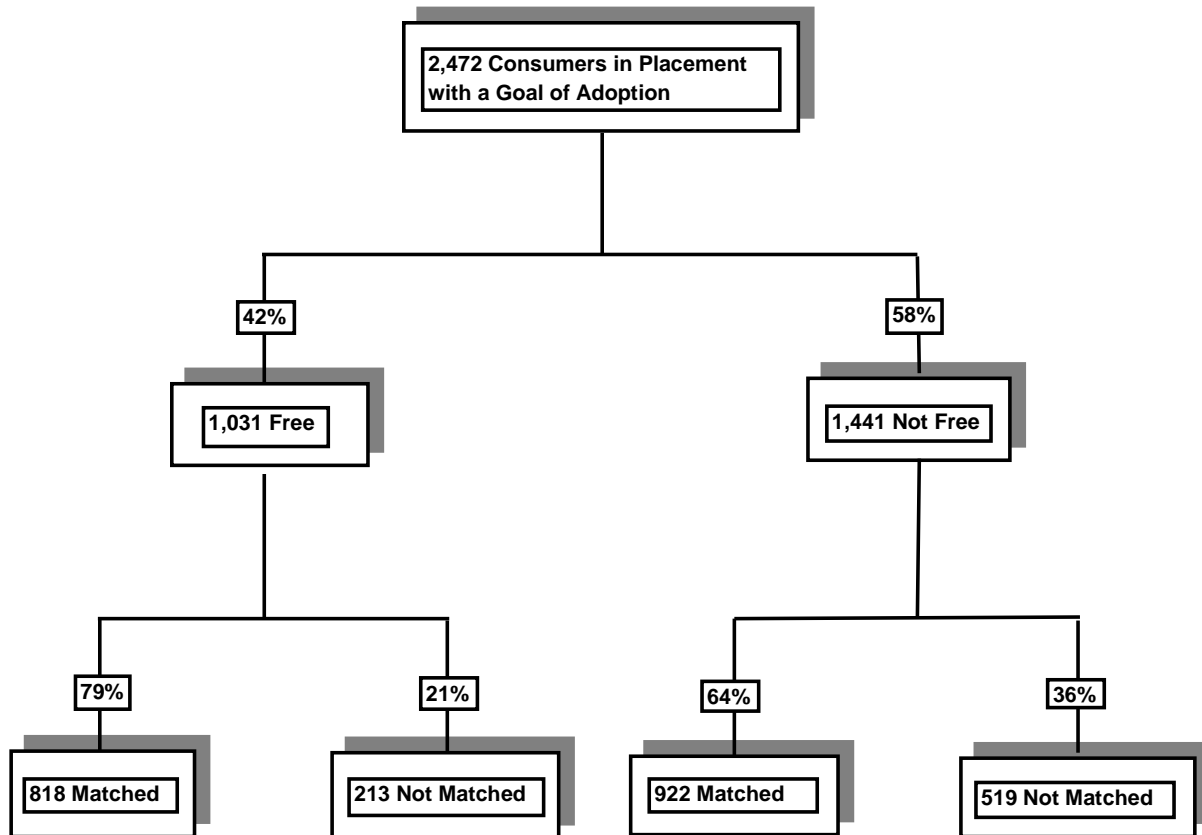
**TABLE 8D. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2007, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/07)**

Service Plan Goal	Continuous Time in Placement										Total			
	(.5yr or less		(> .5 - 1 yr)		(>1 - 1.5 yrs)		(>1.5 - 2 yrs)		(>2 - 4 yrs)				> 4 yrs	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Reunify Family	1,546	46%	1,007	30%	408	12%	162	5%	175	5%	36	1%	3,334	100%
Adoption	163	7%	377	15%	455	18%	386	16%	687	28%	404	16%	2,472	100%
Living Independently	145	6%	213	9%	219	10%	194	9%	598	26%	892	39%	2,261	100%
Long-Term Substitute Care	64	5%	98	8%	120	10%	128	10%	379	31%	439	36%	1,228	100%
Stabilize Intact Family	405	76%	67	13%	28	5%	8	2%	15	3%	8	2%	531	100%
Guardianship	26	5%	70	13%	112	21%	100	19%	144	27%	73	14%	525	100%
Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen.	25	7%	24	7%	22	6%	25	7%	73	21%	187	53%	356	100%
Unspecified	156	93%	3	2%	3	2%	2	*	3	2%	---	---	167	100%
Total	2,530	23%	1,859	17%	1,367	13%	1,005	9%	2,074	19%	2,039	19%	10,874	100%

**Figure 12A. Age, Sex, Race, Hispanic Origin, and Continuous Time in Placement  
of Consumers with a Goal of Adoption  
FY'2007, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/07)**



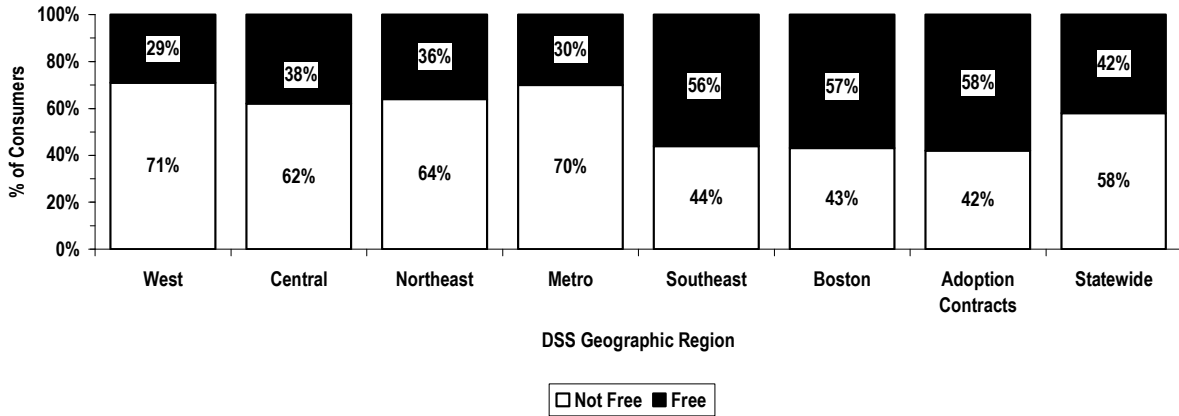
**Figure 12B. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption:  
Legal Status and Match Status  
FY'2007, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/07)**



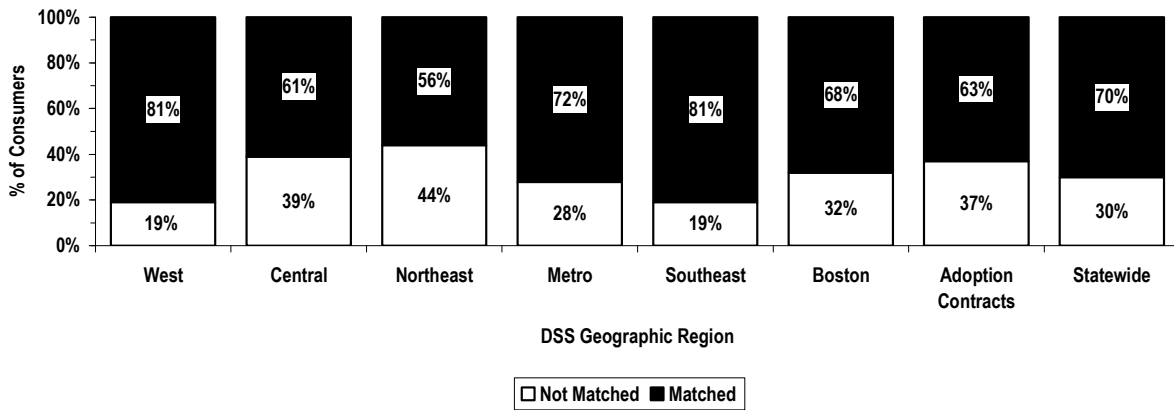
Note: Free = Legally Free for Adoption

Matched = Matched to a Permanent Family

**FIGURE 12C. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption and Legally Freed Status  
FY'07, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/07)**



**FIGURE 12D. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption  
and Whether Matched to a Permanent Family  
FY'07, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/07)**



### **Case Intakes (Openings)**

- Beginning with the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2007, a programming change was made in order to pick up case openings missed in prior reports (short-term openings and closings within the quarter). Consequently, these intake statistics cannot be compared with previous quarters. Monitoring for trends will need to proceed from this point forward (**Fig. 14**).
- During the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2007, there were 4,200 case openings (unduplicated) and 17,492 consumer openings (unduplicated). Case openings include both new cases and cases that previously had been closed by DSS. Consumers who entered the DSS system during the quarter include both members of new cases and new members of ongoing cases, as well as re-opened consumers (previously opened and closed). (**Tables 9A and 9B**)
- Eighty percent of case intakes and 83% of consumer intakes were due to supported abuse/neglect reports. (**Tables 9A and 9B**)
- Voluntary requests for services accounted for 10% of case intakes and 8% of consumer intakes. (**Tables 9A and 9B**)
- CHINS referrals amounted to 8% of case intakes and 7% of consumer intakes. (**Tables 9A and 9B**)
- The proportion of case openings by type of intake is presented for each region in Fig. 13. Supported reports accounted for 76-86% of the total intakes for each region. The Boston Region had the largest proportion of CHINS referrals (15%). Voluntary requests ranged from 4% in the West to 13% in Metro. (**Fig. 13, Table 9A**)
- Counts of CHINS referrals were highest in the Southeast (80) and Boston (78). Voluntary requests were highest in the Southeast (100 case openings). Case intakes via supported reports of child maltreatment were most numerous in the West (735) and Southeast (691). (**Table 9A**). The West and Southeast had the highest numbers of supported investigations during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2007 (See **Table 14** on page 54).
- Statewide and regionally, case openings are lowest in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. (**Fig. 14**). This quarterly trend in case openings is driven by reports and investigations. Reports and investigations are lowest in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter (summer vacation) then rise during the school year (**Figs. 20 and 21** on page 56).

**TABLE 9A. CASE INTAKES DURING THE QUARTER BY TYPE OF INITIAL CONTACT AND DSS REGION:**  
**FY'2007, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/07 - 3/31/07)**

DSS Geographic Region	Case Counts <sup>(1)</sup>										Total  No.
	Supported CA/N Reports		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Other <sup>(2)</sup>		Unspecified		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western	735	86%	59	7%	38	4%	8	1%	10	1%	850
Central	464	78%	48	8%	72	12%	9	2%	3	1%	596
Northeast	546	80%	48	7%	71	10%	19	3%	---	---	684
Metro	518	81%	23	4%	86	13%	14	2%	2	*	643
Southeast	691	76%	80	9%	100	11%	42	5%	2	*	915
Boston	410	77%	78	15%	37	7%	6	1%	1	*	532
Adoption Contracts <sup>(3)</sup>	1	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
Total	3,365	80%	336	8%	404	10%	98	2%	18	*	4,221

<sup>(1)</sup> Case openings include both new cases and cases that previously had been closed. The total summation for each DSS Region is a duplicated count because some families had more than one case opening in a quarter by more than one type of initial contact. The unduplicated count of total case openings is **4,200**.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes Court Referral, Institutional Abuse/Neglect, and Other.

<sup>(3)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

**TABLE 9B. CONSUMER INTAKES DURING THE QUARTER BY TYPE OF INITIAL CONTACT AND DSS REGION:**  
**FY'2007, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/07 - 3/31/07)**

DSS Geographic Region	Consumer Counts <sup>(1)</sup>										Total No.
	Supported		CHINS		Voluntary		Other <sup>(2)</sup>		Unspecified		
	CA/N Reports		Referrals		Requests for Services						
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western	3,294	91%	166	5%	122	3%	33	1%	14	*	3,629
Central	2,106	80%	188	7%	289	11%	29	1%	5	*	2,617
Northeast	2,463	84%	190	6%	207	7%	70	2%	---	---	2,930
Metro	2,153	84%	81	3%	286	11%	44	2%	5	*	2,569
Southeast	2,960	79%	271	7%	348	9%	173	5%	9	*	3,761
Boston	1,741	81%	256	12%	131	6%	14	1%	1	*	2,143
Adoption Contracts <sup>(3)</sup>	1	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
Total	14,718	83%	1,152	7%	1,383	8%	363	2%	34	*	17,650

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

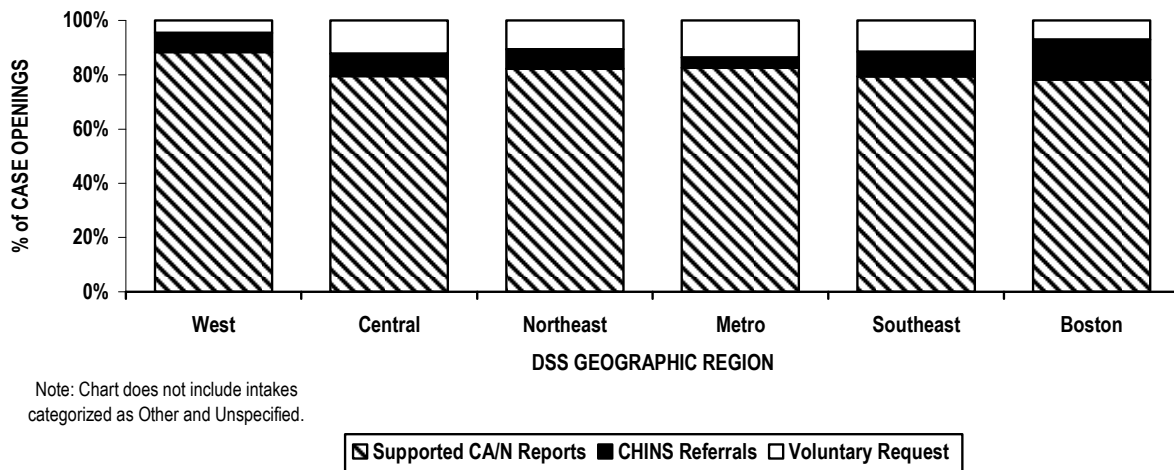
Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

<sup>(1)</sup> Counts of consumers with case openings or newly added to ongoing cases during the quarter. The total summation for each DSS Region is a duplicated count because some consumers had more than one type of initial contact during the quarter. The unduplicated count of total consumers with case openings or newly added to ongoing cases is **17,492**.

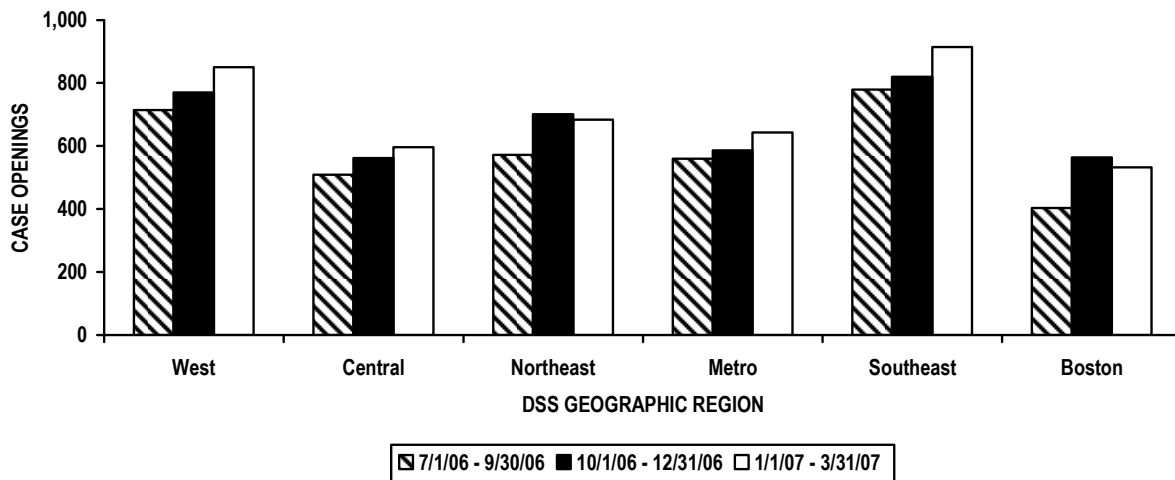
<sup>(2)</sup> Includes Court Referral, Institutional Abuse/Neglect, and Other.

<sup>(3)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

**FIGURE 13. REASON FOR CASE OPENINGS BY DSS REGION  
FY'2007, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/07 - 3/31/07)**



**FIGURE 14. INTAKES (CASE OPENINGS) BY DSS REGION  
(FY'2007, 1ST QUARTER - FY'2007, 3RD QUARTER)**



NOTE: Due to a new selection criteria for case openings, counts for FY'2007, Q1 to Q3 cannot be compared to previous quarters.

## **Consumers Entering and Leaving Placement during the Quarter**

- During the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2007, 2,103 consumers started at least one placement and 1,912 consumers left at least one placement.<sup>19</sup> These counts of placement dynamics do not include consumers who changed placements during the quarter. (Tables 10 and 11)

### **Entries to Placement**

- There was a 17% increase in first-time entrants to placement during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2007 as compared to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2007. Re-entrants declined less than 1% from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter to 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter. (Table 10)
- The 17% increase in first-time entrants was due to a 21% rise in first-time entrants to foster care. The Western Region contributed the most (34%) to the surge in first-time entrants to foster care. (Table 10)
- Of those consumers who entered a placement setting during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2007, 66% were first-time entrants and 34% were re-entrants.<sup>20</sup> Regionally, the proportion of first-time entrants ranged from 64% in Boston to 69% in Central. (Table 10, Fig. 15)
- The largest proportion of consumers entering placement (first-time entrants and re-entrants combined) occurred in the West (21% of statewide entrants). (Table 10)
- Across the state, 71% of all entrants were placed in foster care, 24% were placed in congregate care,<sup>21</sup> and 5% were placed in non-referral locations.<sup>22</sup> Regionally, foster care entrants ranged from 56% in Metro to 83% in the West. (Table 10, Fig. 16)
- Statewide, first-time entrants to placement were more likely than re-entrants to be placed in foster care. Seventy-six percent of first-time entrants and 62% of re-entrants were placed in foster homes. Conversely, 30% of re-entrants and 20% of first-time entrants were placed in congregate care. (Table 10)
- Metro was the only region where re-entrants to congregate care exceeded re-entrants to foster care. Compared to other regions, Metro placed a higher proportion of re-entrants (47%) into congregate care. At the other extreme, the Western Region placed 18% of re-entrants into congregate care (and 74% of re-entrants into foster care). (Table 10, Fig. 16)

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<sup>19</sup> For individuals with multiple entries and exits during the quarter, only the first entry and last exit were selected.

<sup>20</sup> Re-entrants are consumers who had been in placement at some point in the past.

<sup>21</sup> Congregate Care includes Group Home, Residential Treatment, and short-term residential placement (Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration, STARR).

<sup>22</sup> Non-referral locations include hospitals and other state agencies.

### **Exits from Placement**

- Statewide, 61% of the consumers leaving a placement setting were returned home. The proportion returned home ranged from 55% in the Southeast to 68% in the Northeast. **(Table 11)**
- Statewide, 10% of consumers leaving placement were adopted, 10% were emancipated, and 8% were granted guardianships. Regionally, the proportion of consumers adopted ranged from 5% in the Northeast to 14% in the West; emancipated consumers ranged from 7% in the Southeast to 12% in Central; and consumers with guardianships ranged from 5% in the Northeast to 15% in the Southeast. **(Table 11)**

**TABLE 10. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DSS REGION:**

**FY'2007, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/07 - 3/31/07)**

Entry Placement Type Location Started	DSS Geographic Region							Total
	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston	Other <sup>(1)</sup>	
<b>First-Time Entrants:</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1,382</b>
Foster Care	254	183	147	140	210	110	3	1,047
Congregate Care	26	31	65	72	53	35	---	282
Non-Referral Location <sup>(2)</sup>	9	10	10	10	5	9	---	53
<b>Re-Entrants:</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>721</b>
Foster Care	116	63	69	52	89	55	1	445
Congregate Care	28	28	41	56	41	22	---	216
Non-Referral Location <sup>(2)</sup>	12	10	12	12	4	10	---	60
<b>Total</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2,103</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes hospitals and other state agencies.

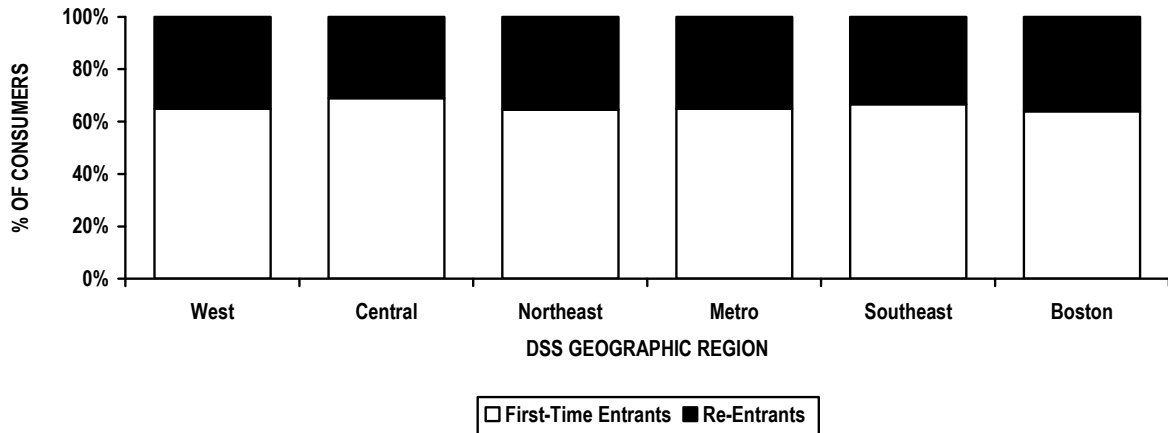
**TABLE 11. CONSUMERS LEAVING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DSS REGION:**

**FY'2007, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/07 - 3/31/07)**

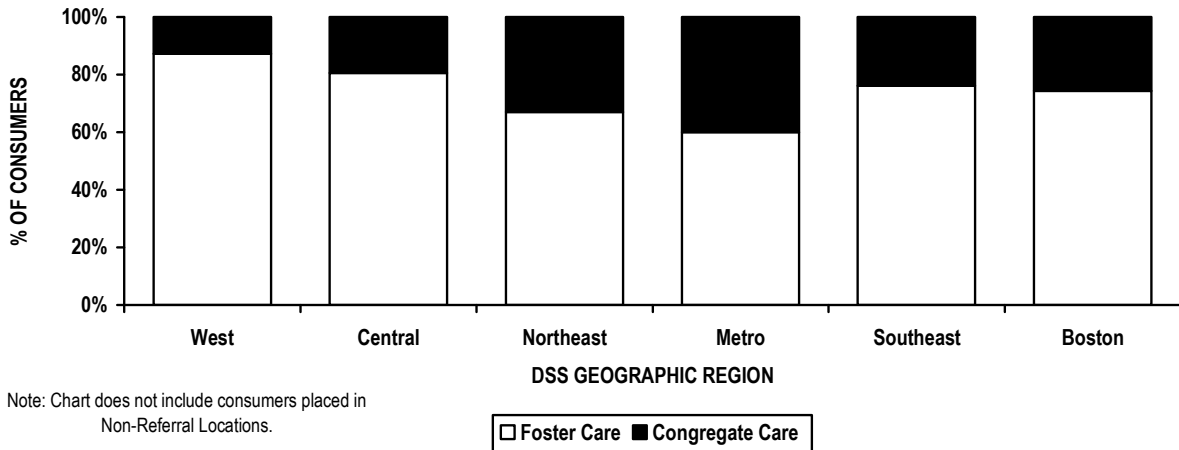
Reason Placement Ended	DSS Geographic Region							Total
	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston	Other <sup>(1)</sup>	
<b>Child Returned Home</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1,164</b>
<b>Consumer Adopted</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>194</b>
<b>Child 18 or Older</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>188</b>
<b>Guardianship</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>155</b>
<b>Custody to Other Individual</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>83</b>
<b>Custody to Other Agency</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Unspecified</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>105</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1,912</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**FIGURE 15. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT  
DURING THE QUARTER (FIRST-TIME ENTRANTS AND RE-ENTRANTS)  
FY'2007, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/07 - 3/31/07)**

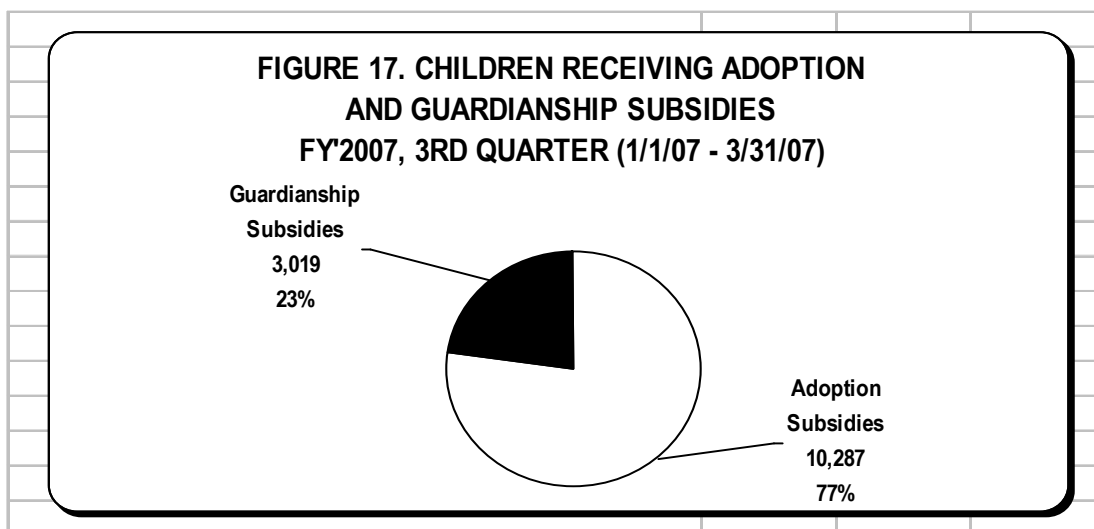


**FIGURE 16. ALL CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER  
TO FOSTER AND CONGREGATE CARE  
FY'2007, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/07 - 3/31/07)**



### Adoption and Guardianship Subsidies

- At the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2007, the total number of children receiving adoption subsidies was 10,287. Guardianship subsidies totaled 3,019. (**Fig. 17**)



From the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2007, adoption subsidies rose 1% and guardianship subsidies increased 2%. Typically, adoption subsidies increase about 1% each quarter while guardianship subsidies increase around 1-3% (See table below). The declines in adoption and guardianship subsidies during the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2007 resulted from a concerted effort to close service referrals that were active but not disbursing funds.

	Subsidies (Active Service Referrals)			
	Adoption		Guardianship	
Quarter	No.	Quarterly Change	No.	Quarterly Change
FY'2004 1 <sup>st</sup>	9,605	1%	2,839	*
2 <sup>nd</sup>	9,616	*	2,866	1%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	9,712	1%	2,944	3%
4 <sup>th</sup>	9,859	2%	2,996	2%
FY'2005 1 <sup>st</sup>	9,954	1%	3,002	*
2 <sup>nd</sup>	10,081	1%	3,081	3%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	10,002	-1%	3,050	-1%
4 <sup>th</sup>	10,146	1%	3,083	1%
FY'2006 1 <sup>st</sup>	10,113	*	3,073	*
2 <sup>nd</sup>	10,224	1%	3,098	1%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	10,322	1%	3,119	1%
4 <sup>th</sup>	10,463	1%	3,115	*
FY'2007 1 <sup>st</sup>	10,149	-3%	3,017	-3%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	10,190	*	2,967	-2%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	10,287	1%	3,019	2%

### **Foster Homes**<sup>23</sup>

- At the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2007, there were 4,527 foster homes under the direct supervision of DSS. Included in this total are kinship and child-specific (restricted) homes<sup>24</sup> as well as unrestricted homes.<sup>25</sup> Unrestricted foster homes accounted for 49% (2,207) of the foster home total while restricted foster homes amounted to 51% (2,320). **(Table 12A)**
- From the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'1998 to 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2007, restricted homes as a proportion of all foster homes gradually increased from 29% to 51-52%. **(See graph on next page)**
- Statewide, 78% of foster parents in unrestricted homes were White and 61% were married. **(Tables 12A and 12C)**
- Statewide, 74% of the foster parents in restricted homes were White and 53% were married. **(Tables 12A and 12C)**
- Thirteen percent (591) of all foster homes were identified as Black (322 restricted and 269 unrestricted). **(Table 12A)**
- Sixteen percent (725) of all foster homes were identified as Hispanic/Latino (345 restricted and 380 unrestricted). **(Table 12B)**

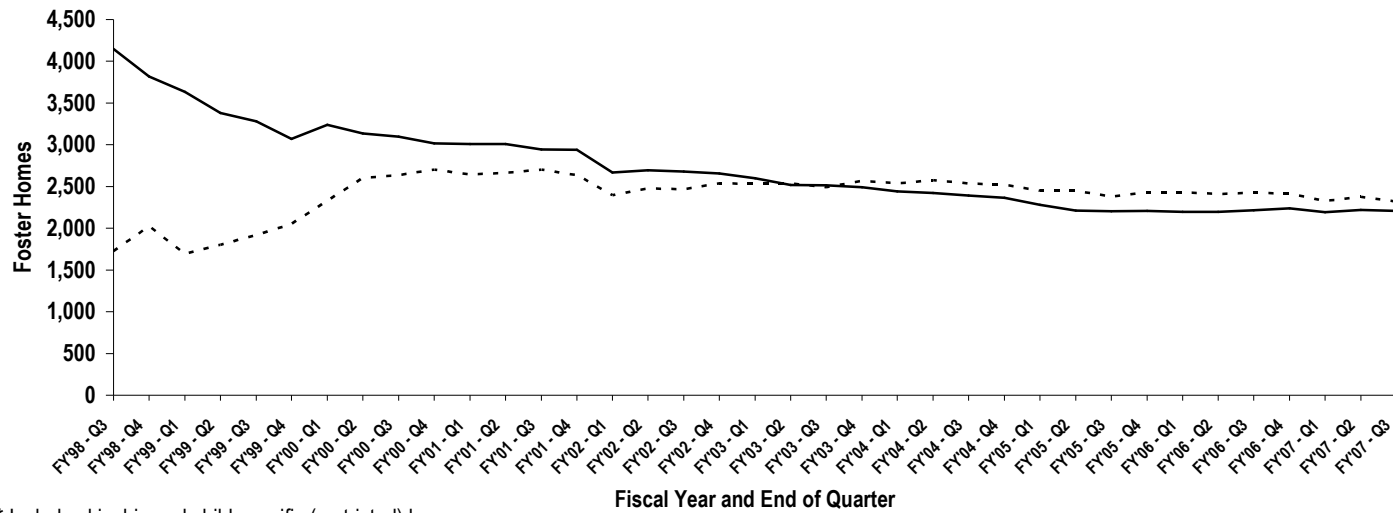
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<sup>23</sup> Foster homes provide formal, temporary out-of-home placement to children who are in the care/custody of DSS. Foster families may be related or unrelated to the child.

<sup>24</sup> Child-specific and kinship placements occur (1) when a court orders a child to be placed in a specific foster home; or (2) when a child requires placement and the child or his/her parent(s) has proposed another home in which the child can be placed; or (3) when DSS places a child with relatives or with a caregiver who is known to the child's family. Placements in kinship and child-specific homes are limited to specified children.

<sup>25</sup> Unrestricted placements are those where DSS places a child with a non-relative foster family. Unlike restricted homes (child specific and kinship), the unrestricted home is not limited to a particular child.

# **RESTRICTED AND UNRESTRICTED FOSTER HOMES\*** **End of 3rd Quarter of FY'1998 (3/31/98) to End of 3rd Quarter of FY'2007 (3/31/07)**



\* Includes kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as unrestricted homes.

— Unrestricted    - - - - - Restricted

TABLE 12A. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY RACE AND DSS REGION: FY'2007, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/07) <sup>(1)</sup>

Provider Status	DSS Geographic Region						Adoption Contracts <sup>(2)</sup>	Total	
	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston			
	No. %	No. %	No. %	No. %	No. %	No. %	No. %	No. %	No. %
<b>Restricted:</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>571</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>2,320</b>	
White	365 80%	230 72%	292 76%	278 83%	449 79%	76 35%	21 54%	1,711	74%
Black	51 11%	12 4%	22 6%	32 10%	81 14%	111 52%	13 33%	322	14%
Asian	---	2 1%	19 5%	1 *	1 *	3 1%	1 3%	27	1%
Native American	---	---	---	---	4 1%	---	---	4	*
Other <sup>(3)</sup>	---	---	1 *	---	1 *	---	---	2	*
Multi-Racial	3 1%	1 *	4 1%	2 1%	---	---	---	10	*
Unspecified	35 8%	76 24%	47 12%	22 7%	35 6%	25 12%	4 10%	244	11%
<b>Unrestricted:</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>2,207</b>	
White	407 80%	301 86%	222 78%	285 87%	398 82%	52 29%	64 89%	1,729	78%
Black	57 11%	22 6%	10 4%	32 10%	40 8%	101 57%	7 10%	269	12%
Asian	1 *	---	15 5%	---	2 *	2 1%	---	20	1%
Native American	---	---	---	---	7 1%	---	---	7	*
Multi-Racial	31 6%	1 *	3 1%	1 *	---	1 1%	---	37	2%
Unspecified	13 3%	26 7%	34 12%	10 3%	40 8%	21 12%	1 1%	145	7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>963</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>663</b>	<b>1,058</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>4,527</b>	

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as unrestricted homes.

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

<sup>(2)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.<sup>(3)</sup> Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.TABLE 12B. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY HISPANIC ORIGIN AND DSS REGION: FY'2007, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/07) <sup>(1)</sup>

Provider Status	DSS Geographic Region						Adoption Contracts <sup>(2)</sup>	Total	
	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston			
	No. %	No. %	No. %	No. %	No. %	No. %	No. %	No. %	No. %
<b>Restricted:</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>571</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>2,320</b>	
Hispanic/Latino	89 20%	55 17%	87 23%	24 7%	41 7%	44 20%	5 13%	345	15%
Not Hispanic/Latino	349 77%	214 67%	281 73%	300 90%	507 89%	162 75%	31 79%	1,844	79%
Unspecified	16 4%	52 16%	17 4%	11 3%	23 4%	9 4%	3 8%	131	6%
<b>Unrestricted:</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>2,207</b>	
Hispanic/Latino	126 25%	49 14%	84 30%	20 6%	60 12%	35 20%	6 8%	380	17%
Not Hispanic/Latino	383 75%	298 85%	194 68%	303 92%	416 85%	140 79%	66 92%	1,800	82%
Unspecified	---	3 1%	6 2%	5 2%	11 2%	2 1%	---	27	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>963</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>663</b>	<b>1,058</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>4,527</b>	

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as unrestricted homes.<sup>(2)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

**TABLE 12C. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY MARITAL STATUS AND DSS REGION: FY'2007, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/07) <sup>(1)</sup>**

DSS Geographic Region																
Provider	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Adoption Contracts <sup>(2)</sup>		Total	
Status	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Restricted:	454		321		385		335		571		215		39		2,320	
Married	252	56%	188	59%	199	52%	184	55%	317	56%	68	32%	22	56%	1,230	53%
Single	115	25%	75	23%	108	28%	79	24%	142	25%	99	46%	10	26%	628	27%
Divorced	55	12%	37	12%	36	9%	43	13%	62	11%	23	11%	6	15%	262	11%
Widowed	16	4%	9	3%	18	5%	19	6%	20	4%	15	7%	---	---	97	4%
Separated	14	3%	11	3%	20	5%	6	2%	20	4%	8	4%	---	---	79	3%
Unspecified	2	*	1	*	4	1%	4	1%	10	2%	2	1%	1	3%	24	1%
Unrestricted:	509		350		284		328		487		177		72		2,207	
Married	304	60%	244	70%	176	62%	197	60%	326	67%	55	31%	51	71%	1,353	61%
Single	101	20%	59	17%	71	25%	78	24%	84	17%	79	45%	19	26%	491	22%
Divorced	65	13%	34	10%	23	8%	38	12%	49	10%	25	14%	2	3%	236	11%
Widowed	22	4%	5	1%	9	3%	11	3%	18	4%	6	3%	---	---	71	3%
Separated	17	3%	7	2%	4	1%	3	1%	10	2%	12	7%	---	---	53	2%
Unspecified	---	---	1	*	1	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	*
Total	963		671		669		663		1,058		392		111		4,527	

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as unrestricted homes.

<sup>(2)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

## **Child Maltreatment Reports, Investigations, and DA Referrals**

### **Reports**

- Statewide, 19,219 reports were recorded during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2007. Sixty-two percent of the reports were screened-in for investigation. Seven percent of all reports were screened-in as emergencies. **(Table 13)**
- Among regions, reports of child maltreatment were most numerous in the West (3,889) and Southeast (2,910). The Judge Baker Children's Center (hotline) recorded 3,912 reports. Regional screen-in rates ranged from 55% in Metro to 65% in the Northeast. The screen-in rate at the Judge Baker Children's Center was 71%. **(Table 13 and Fig. 18)**
- The DSS Regions screened-in 1-3% of all reports as emergencies. In contrast, emergency screen-ins accounted for 25% of the reports received by the Judge Baker Children's Center Hotline. **(Table 13)**
- Statewide, reports rose 6% from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2007. Regional changes ranged from -4% in Central to 12% in Boston. Typically, report counts decline during the summer quarter (Q1) then rise during the school year quarters (Q2-Q4). **(Fig. 20)**

### **Investigations**

- The number of investigations completed during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2007 was 9,874.<sup>26</sup> Fifty-nine percent of the investigations resulted in a supported finding. **(Table 14)**
- The Southeast and West conducted more investigations (1,882 and 1,855, respectively) than the other regions. Regional support rates went from a low of 51% in the Northeast to a high of 62% in the West. Judge Baker staff achieved the highest support rate: 72% of the completed investigations (all emergencies) were supported. **(Table 14, Fig. 19)**

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<sup>26</sup> The number of investigations is lower than the number of screened-in reports. This occurs because an investigation may be associated to multiple reports on the same incident or by reports received on separate but closely occurring incidents.

- The Northeastern Region had the highest screen-in rate (65%) and the lowest support rate (51%). Conversely, the Metro Region had the lowest screen-in rate (55%) and the second highest support rate (61%). **(Table 14, Fig. 19)**
- Statewide, investigations declined 1% from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2007. Over the same period, regional changes in investigations ranged from -6% in Central to 4% in Metro. **(Fig. 21)**

**TABLE 13. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DSS REGION: FY'2007, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/07 - 3/31/07)**

DSS Geographic Region	Screening Decision						Total	
	Screened Out		Screened-In					
			Non-Emergency		Emergency			
					No.	%		
No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
West	1,625	42%	2,183	56%	81	2%	3,889	20%
Central	949	44%	1,161	54%	39	2%	2,149	11%
Northeast	847	34%	1,576	64%	35	1%	2,458	13%
Metro	944	44%	1,134	53%	44	2%	2,122	11%
Southeast	1,114	38%	1,707	59%	89	3%	2,910	15%
Boston	659	38%	1,061	61%	33	2%	1,753	9%
Judge Baker Children's Center	1,113	28%	1,811	46%	988	25%	3,912	20%
Special Investigations	10	38%	16	62%	---	---	26	*
Total	7,261	38%	10,649	55%	1,309	7%	19,219	100%

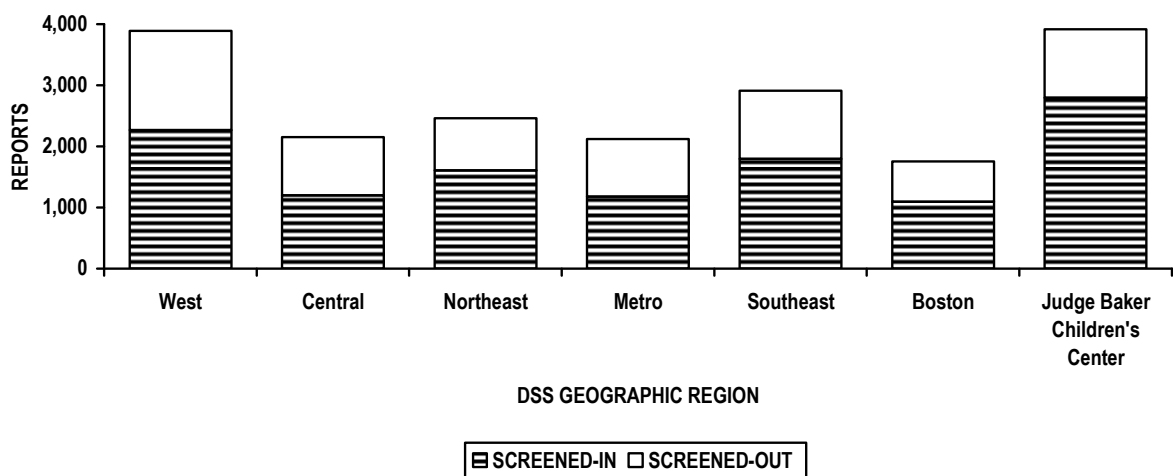
\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

**TABLE 14. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS BY DSS REGION: FY'2007, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/07 - 3/31/07)**

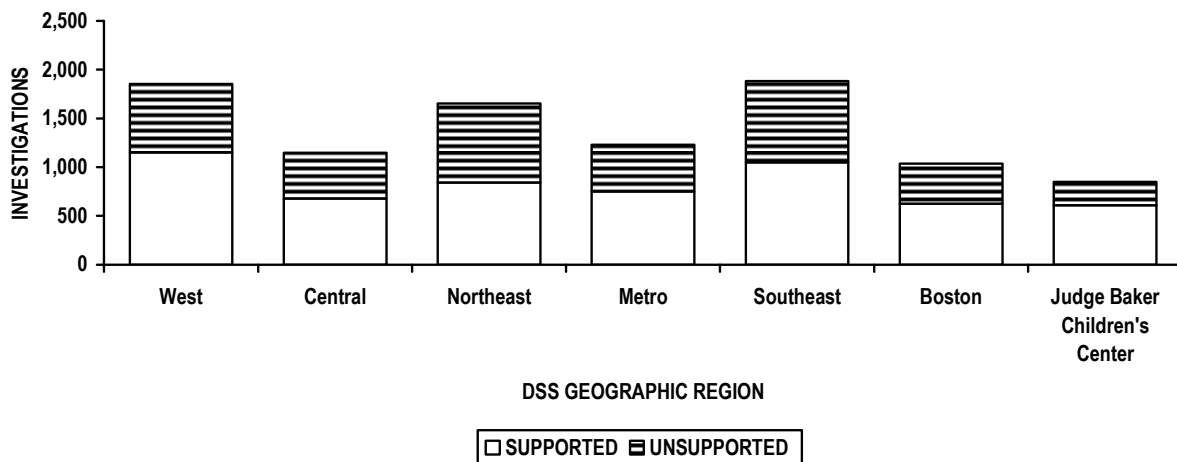
DSS Geographic Region	Investigation Decision				Total	
	Supported		Unsupported			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
West	1,153	62%	702	38%	1,855	19%
Central	678	59%	470	41%	1,148	12%
Northeast	841	51%	814	49%	1,655	17%
Metro	753	61%	476	39%	1,229	12%
Southeast	1,050	56%	832	44%	1,882	19%
Boston	627	61%	409	39%	1,036	10%
Judge Baker Children's Center	610	72%	238	28%	848	9%
Special Investigations	66	30%	155	70%	221	2%
Total	5,778	59%	4,096	41%	9,874	100%

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

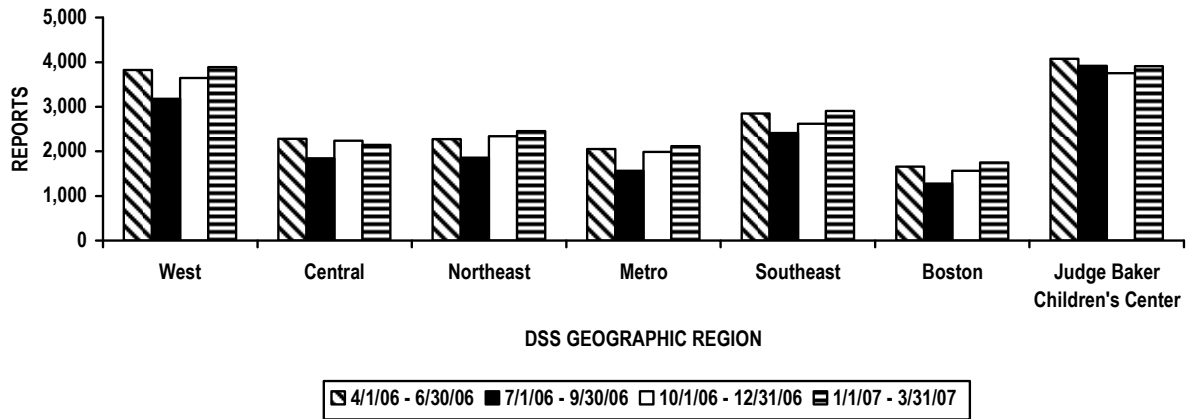
**FIGURE 18. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS  
(SCREENING DECISION BY DSS REGION)  
FY'2007, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/07 - 3/31/07)**



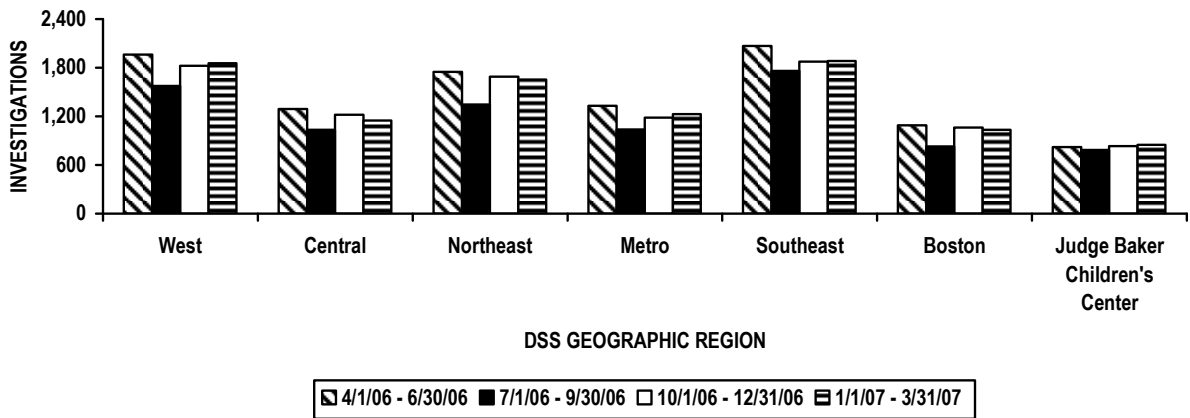
**FIGURE 19. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS  
(INVESTIGATION DECISION BY DSS REGION)  
FY'2007, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/07 - 3/31/07)**



**FIGURE 20. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DSS REGION  
(FY'2006, 4TH QUARTER - FY'2007, 3RD QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 21. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS BY DSS REGION  
(FY'2006, 4TH QUARTER - FY'2007, 3RD QUARTER)**



## DA Referrals

- During the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2007, 1,185 cases were referred to District Attorneys (DAs) (See table below). Forty-seven percent of case referrals to DAs were mandatory referrals<sup>27</sup> and 53% were discretionary referrals<sup>28</sup> (**Fig. 22**).

**Case Referrals\***

Date	Mandatory		Discretionary		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.
FY'01, Q3	380	43%	504	57%	884
FY'01, Q4	435	48%	468	52%	903
FY'02, Q1	341	46%	403	54%	744
FY'02, Q2	421	45%	507	55%	928
FY'02, Q3	443	42%	614	58%	1,057
FY'02, Q4	494	45%	616	55%	1,110
FY'03, Q1	477	46%	555	54%	1,032
FY'03, Q2	488	48%	530	52%	1,018
FY'03, Q3	525	46%	611	54%	1,136
FY'03, Q4	599	49%	614	51%	1,213
FY'04, Q1	527	52%	489	48%	1,016
FY'04, Q2	489	45%	586	55%	1,075
FY'04, Q3	527	45%	655	55%	1,182
FY'04, Q4	558	45%	669	55%	1,227
FY'05, Q1	500	49%	518	51%	1,018
FY'05, Q2	500	45%	603	55%	1,103
FY'05, Q3	575	47%	637	53%	1,212
FY'05, Q4	547	44%	701	56%	1,248
FY'06, Q1	490	44%	614	56%	1,104
FY'06, Q2	509	44%	659	56%	1,168
FY'06, Q3	518	44%	651	56%	1,169
FY'06, Q4	560	43%	742	57%	1,302
FY'07, Q1	532	49%	554	51%	1,086
FY'07, Q2	577	49%	606	51%	1,183
FY'07, Q3	559	47%	626	53%	1,185

\* DA referrals approved during the Quarter.

<sup>27</sup> Mandatory referrals to District Attorneys (and local law enforcement authorities) are made following a DSS investigation that results in a supported report of severe child maltreatment (sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, or death). Mandatory referrals are also made when a maltreatment report is either screened-out or unsupported, on the basis that the alleged perpetrator did not meet the definition of caretaker, but the allegations match one of the aforementioned maltreatment categories.

<sup>28</sup> There are two categories of discretionary referrals: (1) DSS may immediately report cases of serious physical injury to the District Attorney; or (2) DSS may refer other matters involving possible criminal conduct (including but not limited to cases of abuse or neglect) to the District Attorney, regardless of whether the maltreatment report is supported or unsupported.

- Sexual abuse accounted for 82% of the reasons for mandatory case referrals<sup>29</sup> during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2007 (**Fig. 23, Table 15** on following pages). Sixteen percent of the case referral reasons were for serious physical abuse.

**Reasons for Mandatory Referrals**

<i>Date</i>	<b>Sexual Abuse</b>		<b>Physical Abuse</b>		<i>Death</i> <sup>30</sup>		<b>Total</b>
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.
FY'01, Q3	303	75%	91	23%	8	2%	402
FY'01, Q4	346	77%	102	23%	3	1%	451
FY'02, Q1	295	83%	57	16%	5	1%	357
FY'02, Q2	329	75%	107	24%	5	1%	441
FY'02, Q3	361	78%	90	20%	9	2%	460
FY'02, Q4	398	78%	111	22%	3	1%	512
FY'03, Q1	409	82%	84	17%	8	2%	501
FY'03, Q2	412	82%	88	18%	--	--	500
FY'03, Q3	412	76%	123	23%	6	1%	541
FY'03, Q4	455	73%	166	27%	5	1%	626
FY'04, Q1	459	83%	87	16%	9	2%	555
FY'04, Q2	385	76%	114	23%	5	1%	504
FY'04, Q3	414	76%	127	23%	6	1%	547
FY'04, Q4	455	78%	122	21%	6	1%	583
FY'05, Q1	412	80%	97	19%	4	1%	513
FY'05, Q2	398	77%	113	22%	5	1%	516
FY'05, Q3	461	79%	124	21%	2	*	587
FY'05, Q4	444	78%	122	21%	2	*	568
FY'06, Q1	432	86%	66	13%	5	1%	503
FY'06, Q2	432	81%	99	19%	3	1%	534
FY'06, Q3	445	83%	82	15%	7	1%	534
FY'06, Q4	473	82%	95	16%	11	2%	579
FY'07, Q1	472	85%	78	14%	7	1%	557
FY'07, Q2	503	84%	90	15%	5	1%	598
FY'07, Q3	473	82%	93	16%	10	2%	576

\* = less than 1% after rounding-off

<sup>29</sup> **A mandatory case referral may include more than one reason** (i.e., more than one type of abuse).

<sup>30</sup> Not all DA referrals resulting from an allegation that a child's death was due to abuse or neglect lead to an ultimate finding that the death was in fact due to abuse or neglect. DSS publishes an annual report of child fatalities that includes an analysis of child deaths due to abuse or neglect.

- Table 16 (on page 61) displays a breakdown of case referrals by type and child's county of residence. In general, the number of referrals was directly related to the population size<sup>31</sup> for the county. Referral counts were highest for the most populous counties, Middlesex, Worcester, Essex, and Suffolk. Based on a comparison of county population estimates, Hampden (encompassing city of Springfield) and Berkshire Counties had higher numbers of referrals than expected. Norfolk County had a lower number of referrals than expected.
- Table 17 (on page 61) shows mandatory case referral reasons and child's county of residence. Essex, Suffolk, Middlesex, and Worcester Counties accounted for 61% of the mandatory case referrals for sexual abuse (includes sexual assault and sexual exploitation). Essex, Suffolk, and Middlesex accounted for 69% of the mandatory case referrals for serious physical abuse.

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<sup>31</sup> County population estimates for 2005 (<http://www.census.gov/popest/counties/tables/CO-EST2005-01-25.CSV>).

## DA REFERRALS FY'2007, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/07 - 3/31/07)

FIGURE 22. TYPE OF CASE REFERRAL (Case Count)

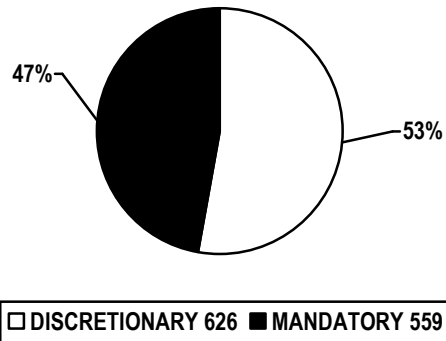
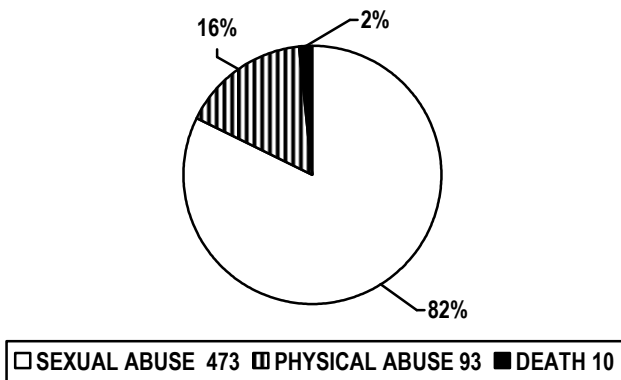


FIGURE 23. REASON FOR MANDATORY REFERRALS (Reason Count)



NOTE: A case referral may include more than one reason (more than one type of maltreatment).

**TABLE 15. REASONS FOR MANDATORY CASE REFERRALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS:  
FY'2007, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/07 - 3/31/07)**

Nature of Abuse	Reasons	
	No.	%
<b>Sexual Abuse:</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>82%</b>
Sexual Assault	437	
Sexual Exploitation	36	
.....		
<b>Serious Physical Abuse:</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>16%</b>
.....		
<b>Death:</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2%</b>
.....		
<b>Total Reasons for Mandatory Referrals</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>100%</b>

**TABLE 16. CASE REFERRALS BY TYPE AND COUNTY: <sup>(1)</sup> FY'2007, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/07 - 3/31/07)**

County <sup>(2)</sup>	Case Referrals				Total No.	2005 Population Estimates
	Discretionary		Mandatory			
	No.	%	No.	%		
Essex	120	48%	129	52%	249	738,301
Middlesex	120	63%	72	38%	192	1,459,011
Suffolk	108	57%	83	43%	191	654,428
Hampden	86	61%	56	39%	142	461,591
Worcester	41	38%	67	62%	108	783,262
Bristol	35	51%	34	49%	69	546,331
Berkshire	10	18%	46	82%	56	131,868
Plymouth	29	57%	22	43%	51	492,409
Norfolk	34	72%	13	28%	47	653,595
Barnstable	18	64%	10	36%	28	226,514
Franklin	8	36%	14	64%	22	72,334
Hampshire	7	39%	11	61%	18	153,339
Dukes	3	100%	---	---	3	15,592
Nantucket	---	---	---	---	---	10,168
OUT OF STATE	7	78%	2	22%	9	---
Total	626		559		1,185	6,398,743

**TABLE 17. MANDATORY CASE REFERRAL REASONS BY COUNTY: <sup>(1)</sup>  
FY'2007, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/07 - 3/31/07)**

County <sup>(2)</sup>	Reasons for Mandatory Case Referrals <sup>(1)</sup>				Total
	Sexual Assault	Sexual Exploitation	Serious Physical Abuse/Injury	Death	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	
Essex	97	3	31	---	131
Suffolk	57	8	21	1	87
Middlesex	60	---	12	---	72
Worcester	59	6	4	1	70
Hampden	42	8	8	1	59
Berkshire	37	2	6	2	47
Bristol	26	2	6	1	35
Plymouth	16	4	2	2	24
Franklin	14	---	---	---	14
Norfolk	11	---	1	1	13
Barnstable	9	1	1	---	11
Hampshire	8	2	1	---	11
Dukes	---	---	---	---	0
Nantucket	---	---	---	---	0
OUT OF STATE	1	---	---	1	2
<b>Total:</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>576</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> A mandatory case referral may include more than one reason (i.e., more than one type of abuse).

<sup>(2)</sup> County where the child resides.

## *Appendix*

### *Revised Figure and Tables Fiscal Year 2007*

#### *2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter*

**10/1/2006 – 12/31/2006**

**TABLE 1. CASE AND CONSUMER COUNTS BY LOCATION AND DSS REGION: FY'2007, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/06)**

DSS Geographic Region										Total
							Adoption			
Case Counts:	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston	Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>	Other <sup>(2)</sup>		
Adoption	380	231	259	244	331	173	163	1	1,782	
Clinical	4,245	3,052	3,900	3,327	4,678	2,739	4	45	21,990	
Total	4,625	3,283	4,159	3,571	5,009	2,912	167	46	23,772	
Consumer Counts:										
Adults: <sup>(3)</sup>										
In Placement: <sup>(4)</sup> Foster/Congregate Care <sup>(5)</sup>	242	140	305	225	266	235	---	18	1,431	
Other <sup>(6)</sup>	4	1	5	3	1	5	---	---	19	
On the Run	4	1				3	---	---	8	
Total in Placement	250	142	310	228	267	243	---	18	1,458	
Not in Placement	6,751	5,109	6,031	5,191	7,697	3,895	---	10	34,684	
Total Adults	7,001	5,251	6,341	5,419	7,964	4,138	---	28	36,142	
Children:										
In Placement: <sup>(4)</sup> Foster/Congregate Care <sup>(5)</sup>	1,919	1,190	1,486	1,195	1,752	885	247	23	8,697	
Other <sup>(6)</sup>	53	31	54	33	47	45	---	---	263	
On the Run	58	19	45	30	34	57	---	---	243	
Total in Placement	2,030	1,240	1,585	1,258	1,833	987	247	23	9,203	
Not in Placement	6,355	4,784	5,712	4,401	6,332	3,960	17	3	31,564	
Total Children	8,385	6,024	7,297	5,659	8,165	4,947	264	26	40,767	
Total	15,386	11,275	13,638	11,078	16,129	9,085	264	54	76,909	

<sup>(1)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

<sup>(3)</sup> Adults are consumers 18 years or older.

<sup>(4)</sup> Children and young adults in the care/custody of DSS. "Adults" in Foster/Residential Care are being transitioned to the Departments of Mental Health (DMH) and Mental Retardation (DMR) or are supported by DSS until graduation from a full-time school or vocational training program (through age 23 for a Bachelor's Degree).

<sup>(5)</sup> See Tables 5A, 5B, and 5C for a breakdown by type of placement.

<sup>(6)</sup> "Other" includes locations such as hospitals and other state agencies.

TABLE 3A. RACE OF CONSUMERS BY DSS REGION: FY'2007, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/06)

Race	DSS Geographic Region												Adoption				Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>		Other <sup>(2)</sup>			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
White	8,885	58%	7,208	64%	7,697	56%	6,855	62%	10,228	63%	2,016	22%	121	46%	6	11%	43,016	56%
Black	1,685	11%	943	8%	908	7%	1,667	15%	2,191	14%	4,254	47%	68	26%	39	72%	11,755	15%
Asian	57	*	116	1%	854	6%	181	2%	112	1%	204	2%	2	1%	3	6%	1,529	2%
Native American	17	*	25	*	21	*	7	*	53	*	10	*	1	*	---	---	134	*
Other <sup>(3)</sup>	4	*	6	*	4	*	4	*	13	*	8	*	---	---	---	---	39	*
Multi-Racial	350	2%	241	2%	289	2%	218	2%	426	3%	158	2%	29	11%	---	---	1,711	2%
Unspecified	4,388	29%	2,736	24%	3,865	28%	2,146	19%	3,106	19%	2,435	27%	43	16%	6	11%	18,725	24%
Total	15,386	100%	11,275	100%	13,638	100%	11,078	100%	16,129	100%	9,085	100%	264	100%	54	100%	76,909	100%

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

<sup>(1)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.<sup>(3)</sup> Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

TABLE 3B. HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN OF CONSUMERS BY DSS REGION: FY'2007, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/06)

DSS Geographic Region																			Adoption				Total	
Origin	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts <sup>(2)</sup>		Other <sup>(3)</sup>									
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%						
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(1)</sup>	4,625	30%	2,711	24%	4,106	30%	1,529	14%	1,838	11%	2,537	28%	67	25%	2	4%	17,415	23%						
Not Hispanic/Latino	7,818	51%	6,754	60%	7,582	56%	7,124	64%	10,833	67%	5,095	56%	179	68%	44	81%	45,429	59%						
Unspecified	2,943	19%	1,810	16%	1,950	14%	2,425	22%	3,458	21%	1,453	16%	18	7%	8	15%	14,065	18%						
Total	15,386	100%	11,275	100%	13,638	100%	11,078	100%	16,129	100%	9,085	100%	264	100%	54	100%	76,909	100%						

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

<sup>(1)</sup> Consumers of any race who self-identify as being of Hispanic origin.<sup>(2)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.<sup>(3)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

TABLE 4. PRIMARY LANGUAGE OF CONSUMERS BY DSS REGION: FY'2007, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/06)

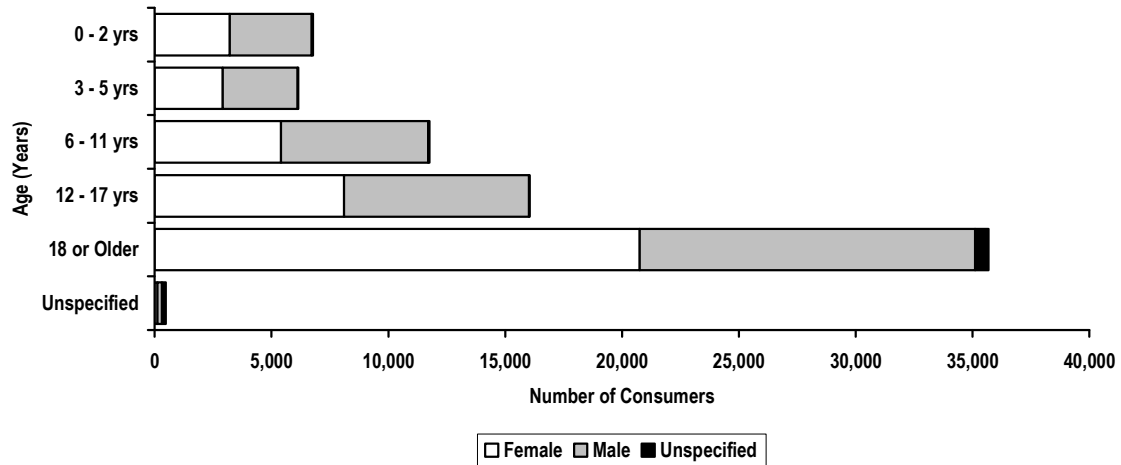
Primary Language	DSS Geographic Region														Total			
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Adoption Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>				Other <sup>(2)</sup>	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Spanish	1,096	7%	579	5%	1,134	8%	390	4%	390	2%	802	9%	12	5%	4	7%	4,407	6%
Khmer (Cambodian)	5	*	1	*	289	2%	3	*	48	*	6	*	---	---	---	---	352	*
Portuguese	4	*	29	*	34	*	102	1%	112	1%	23	*	---	---	---	---	304	*
Haitian Creole	---	---	8	*	13	*	108	1%	50	*	67	1%	---	---	---	---	246	*
Cape Verdean Creole	2	*	---	---	1	*	4	*	85	1%	42	*	---	---	---	---	134	*
Vietnamese	8	*	42	*	26	*	11	0%	4	*	56	1%	---	---	---	---	147	*
Chinese	1	*	1	*	---	---	30	*	1	*	12	*	---	---	3	6%	48	*
Lao	---	---	2	*	19	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	21	*
American Sign Lang.	3	*	3	*	6	*	10	*	5	*	7	*	---	---	---	---	34	*
Other	399	3%	230	2%	155	1%	190	2%	353	2%	193	2%	2	1%	24	44%	1,546	2%
EnglishUnspecified	13,868	90%	10,380	92%	11,961	88%	10,230	92%	15,081	94%	7,877	87%	250	95%	23	43%	69,670	91%
Total	15,386	100%	11,275	100%	13,638	100%	11,078	100%	16,129	100%	9,085	100%	264	100%	54	100%	76,909	100%

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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<sup>(1)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**FIGURE 5. AGE AND SEX OF CONSUMERS: STATEWIDE  
FY'2007, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/06)**



Age (Yrs)	Sex			Total
	Female	Male	Unspecified <sup>(1)</sup>	
0 - 2	3,218	3,506	47	6,771
3 - 5	2,925	3,197	35	6,157
6 - 11	5,416	6,298	51	11,765
12 - 17	8,109	7,908	34	16,051
18 or older	20,765	14,346	573	35,684
Unspecified <sup>(1)</sup>	116	198	167	481
<b>Total</b>	<b>40,549</b>	<b>35,453</b>	<b>907</b>	<b>76,909</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Unspecified includes 458 individuals with the role "Consumer Adult" and 23 individuals with the role "Consumer Child" whose ages were unknown and 907 consumers whose gender was not specified as of the run date.